

RED RIVER



PARENTAL ADVISORY
**MATURE
CONTENT**

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SPLASH





OFFICER
ALEK?

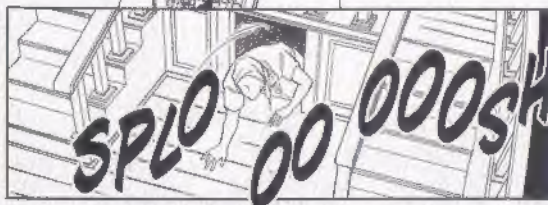
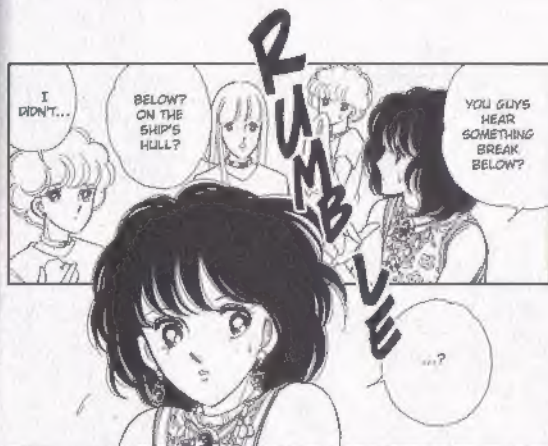
WHY ARE
YOU HERE
AT THIS
HOUR?

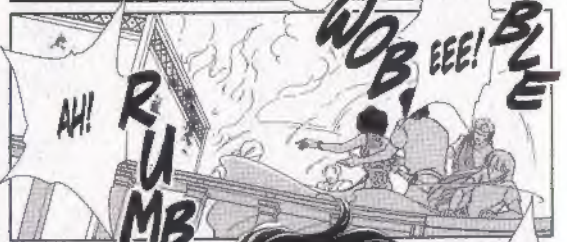
YAAH!

SIR,
THAT
SHEET!

WHY
ARE YOU
CUTTING
THAT--?!

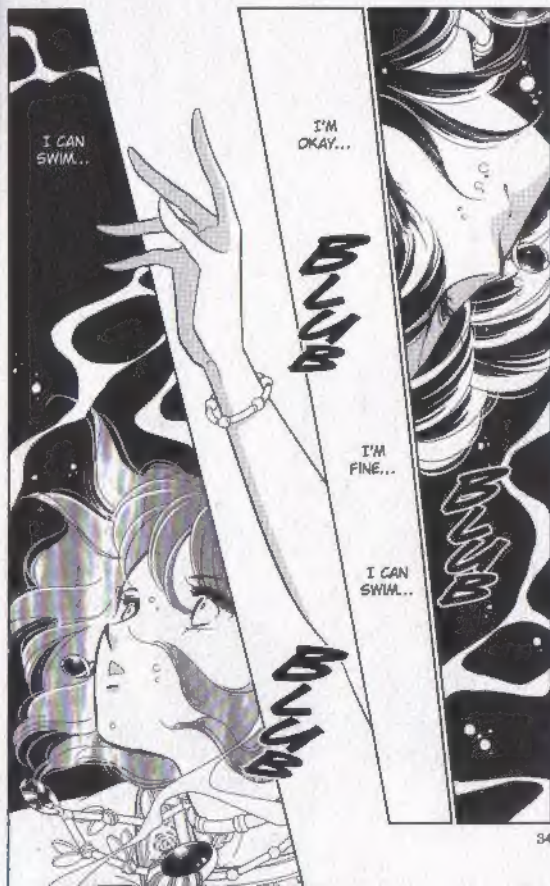
ALIGH!













THIS
IS
HOR-
RIBLE!

NOT
ONLY
THAT,
SHE IS
EXPECTING
HIS
MAJESTY'S
CHILD!

ISHTAR
IS THE
HITTITE
GODDESS
OF WAR!

SHE
MUST
BE
RECON-
VERED
AT ALL
COSTS!

ABOVE
ALL,
LOOK
FOR
ISHTAR!

TO ALL
SHIPS!
COVER THE
AREA!

I'M NOT
SURE, SIR!
THERE WAS
FIRE, THEN
IT SETTLED
FAST AT
THE STERN!

HOW DID IT
HAPPEN?



YOU UP
THERE!
DID YOU
SEE
ANYTHING?



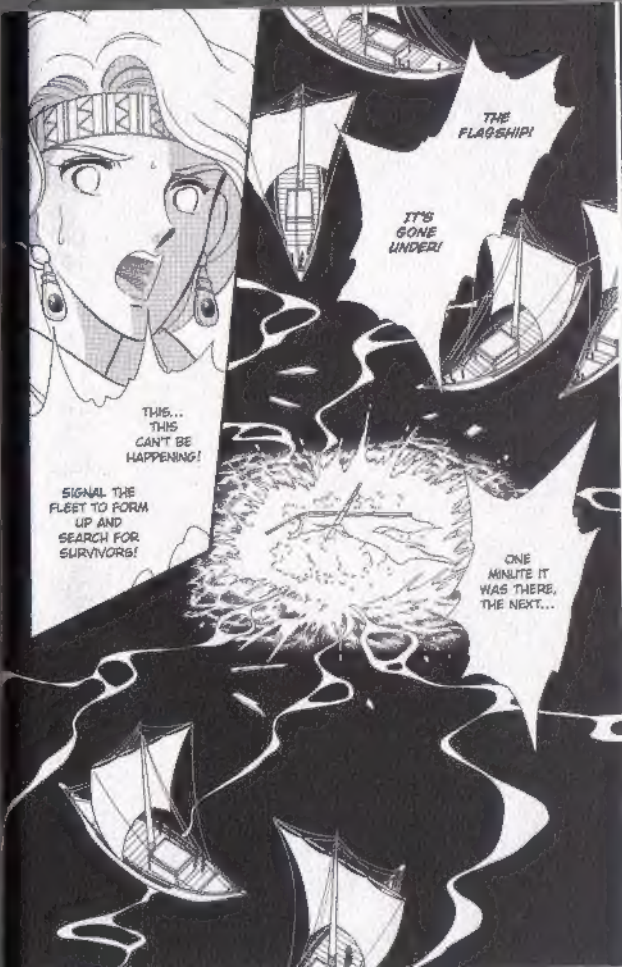
THIS...
THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!

SIGNAL THE
FLEET TO FORM
UP AND
SEARCH FOR
SURVIVORS!

THE
FLAGSHIP!

IT'S
GONE
UNDER!

ONE
MINUTE IT
WAS THERE,
THE NEXT...





AND
RYU'S
MISSING!

I THINK
SHE GOT
HIT ON THE
HEAD BY
DEBRIS!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
HADI?

SPLASH



HEY!
GRAB
THIS!

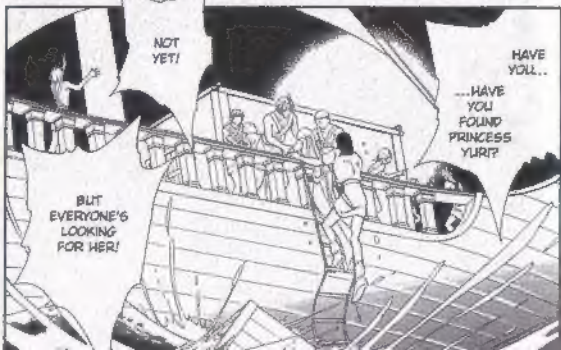
C'MON!

BUT DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT US!

FIND
PRINCESS
YURI!

SH

EEE!



NOT
YET!

HAVE
YOU...

...HAVE
YOU
FOUND
PRINCESS
YURI?

BUT
EVERYONE'S
LOOKING
FOR HER!



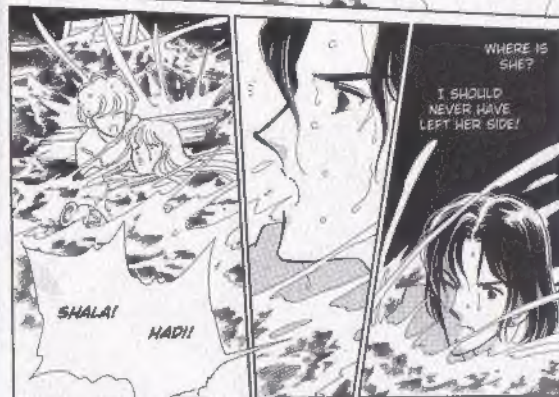
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PRINCESS
YURI!

PRINCESS
YURI!

DID
ANYONE
SEE
PRINCESS
YURI?!



WHERE IS
SHE?

I SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
LEFT HER SIDE!

SHALA!

HADI!

RUSAFI!

IF THAT'S
SO, I MUST
ACT FAST!

LISTEN
UP!

LIGHT BONFIRES
TO ILLUMINATE
THE SEA!

AND KEEP
LIGHTING
THEM AND
LOOKING UNTIL
WE FIND
ISHTARI!

WHERE IS
SHE?

WHERE'S
PRINCESS
YURI?

PRINCESS
YURI!

YOU'RE
GOING BACK
IN THE
WATER!

I MUST
FIND
ISHTARI!

PLEASE
LOOK
AFTER
THESE
WOMEN,
SIR!

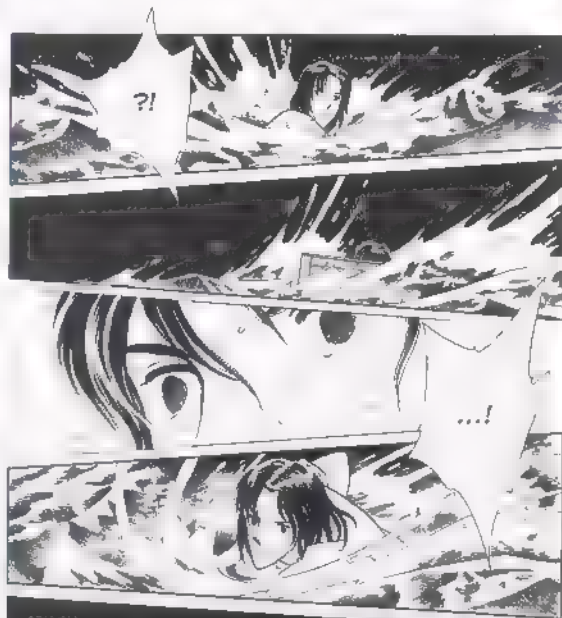
RUSAFI!
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
OKAY!

PRINCE
RYAGILI!

THE
CURRENT'S
VERY **STRONG**
HERE!
YOU WON'T
MAKE IT
BACK!

**DON'T
BE A
FOOL!**

YOU KNOW
THE ODDS
AGAINST
FINDING
HER IN THIS
**DARK
SEA!**



THE
HITTTT
PEOPLE
AND HIS
MAJESTY
NEED
HER!

WE
CAN'T LOSE
PRINCESS
YURU!

WE WANT
HER TO
BE OUR
QUEEN!



YOU
KNOW
THIS,
ILBANI?

...TELLING
ME ISHTAR
IS NEEDED
EXPECTING.

I'VE
RECEIVED A
PERSONAL
MESSAGE
FROM HIS
MAJESTY..

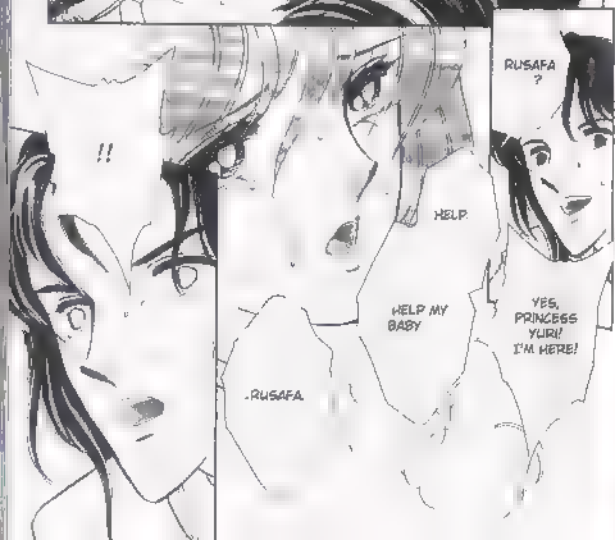


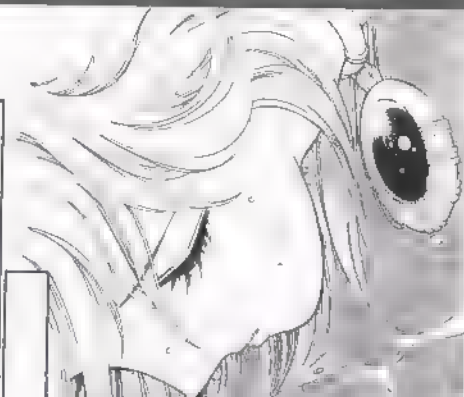
I
BELIEVE
IT IS.

THIS
LETTER
JUST
ARRIVED
FROM
UGARIT
CONFIRMING
THE NEWS.

YURI
ISHTAR IS
EXPECTING!







I'M
COLD..

...SO
VERY..
COLD..

MY
BABY...
HELP
MY
BABY
...!



LET'S
GET
BACK
TO THE
FLEET



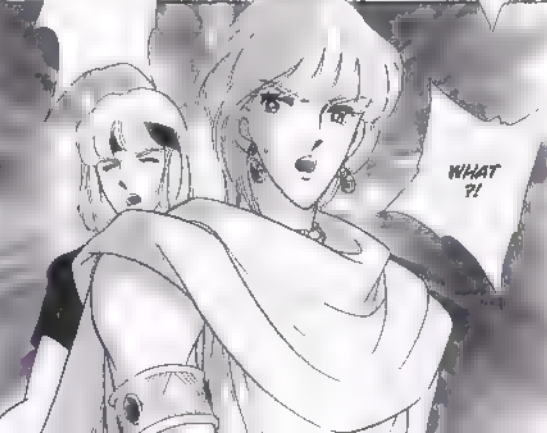
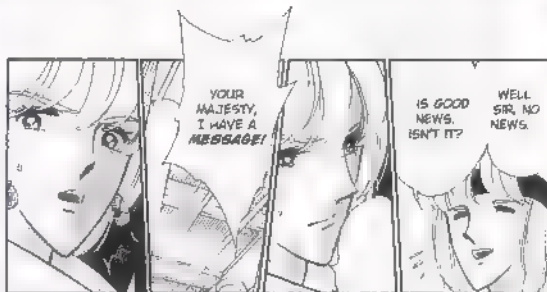
THE
CURRENT'S
CARRIED
US OFF!



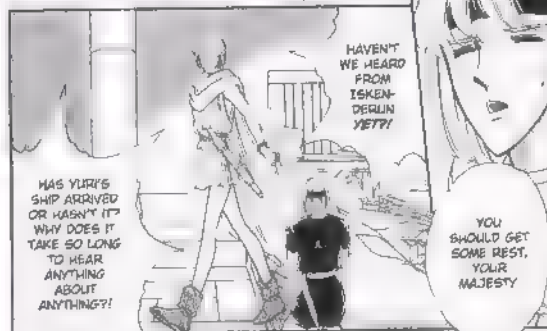
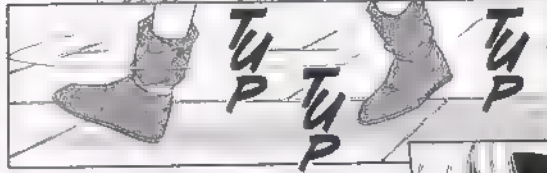
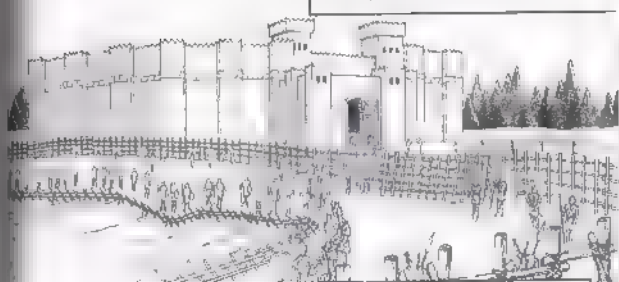
WE'RE
OVER
HERE!
THIS
WAY!

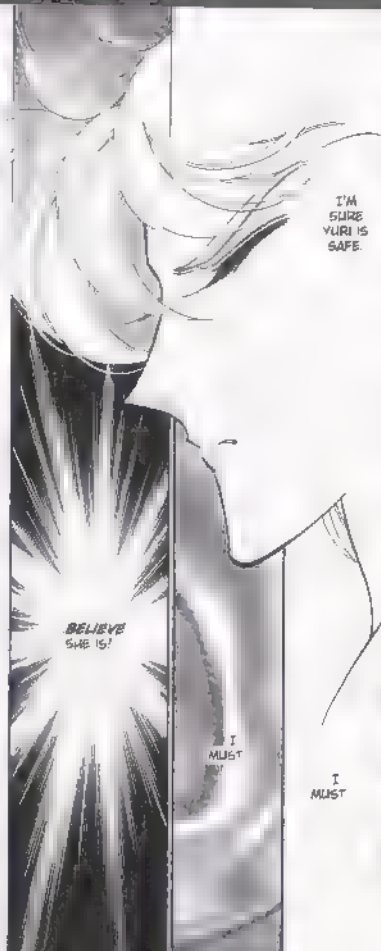
HEY!

OVER
HERE!



UGARIT, THE HITTITE MILITARY CAMP





I'M
SURE
YURI IS
SAFE.

BELIEVE
SHE IS!

I
MUST

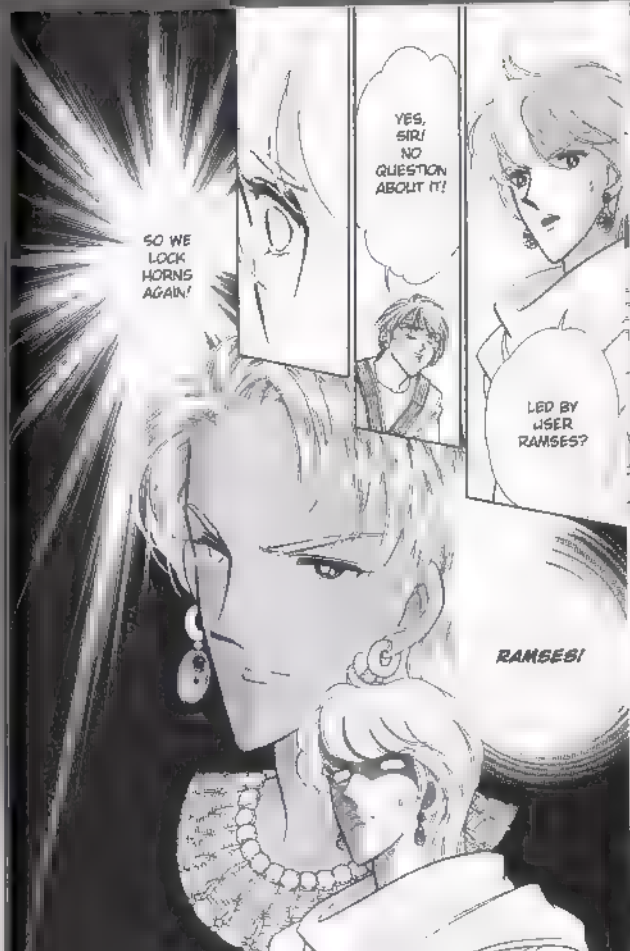
I
MUST



YOUR
ORDERS,
SIR?



YOUR
MAJESTY
?



SO WE
LOCK
HORNS
AGAIN!

YES,
SIR!
NO
QUESTION
ABOUT IT!

LED BY
USER
RAMSES?

RAMSES!

PRINCESS
YURI!

WAKE UP!
STAY WITH
ME!

WE
WILL BE
RESCUED!
I PROMISE!
PLEASE
DON'T
GIVE UP!

KNOWING
YOU
WILL
NEVER
AGAIN
SEE OR
EMBRACE
THE ONLY
WOMAN
YOU HAVE
EVER
LOVED?

YES,
YOUR
MAJESTY,
HOW
WILL YOU
FARE

WE'LL
NEED
ALL THE
HELP WE
CAN
GET I
THINK.

WE'LL
SOON
SEE IF
YURI
IShtar

CAN
BRING
MURSILI II
A MEASURE
OF FORTUNE
IN THIS
TROUBLED
TIME



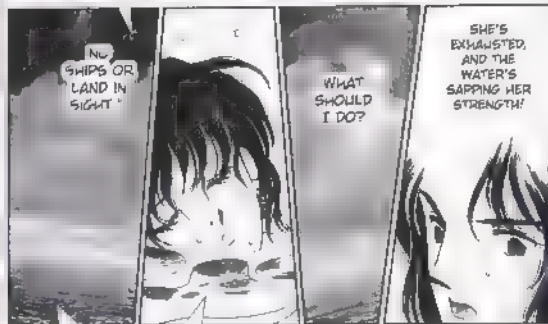
PLEASE,
GOD!

PLEASE,
PLEASE
HELP US!



PRINCESS
YURI!

LIAR!



NO
SHIPS OR
LAND IN
SIGHT

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

SHE'S
EXHAUSTED,
AND THE
WATER'S
SAPPING HER
STRENGTH!



RAARGH!



YOU'RE
RIGHT

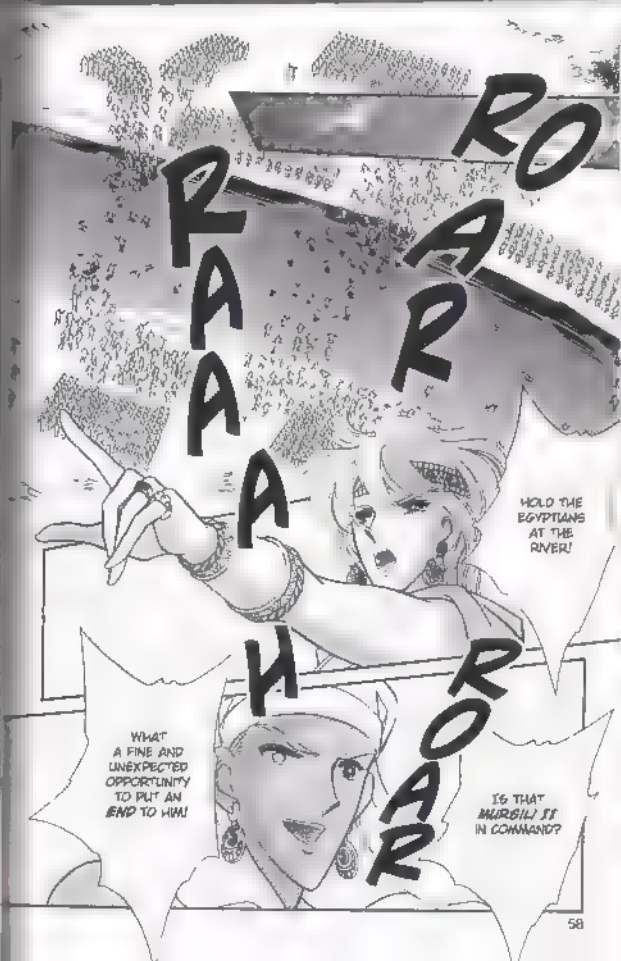
THEY'RE AS
DETERMINED TO
CROSS THE RIVER
AS WE ARE TO
STOP THEM!

RANGES
MEN ARE
PUTTING UP
A GOOD
FIGHT



YOUR
MAJESTY!
A MES-
SENGER'S
COMING!

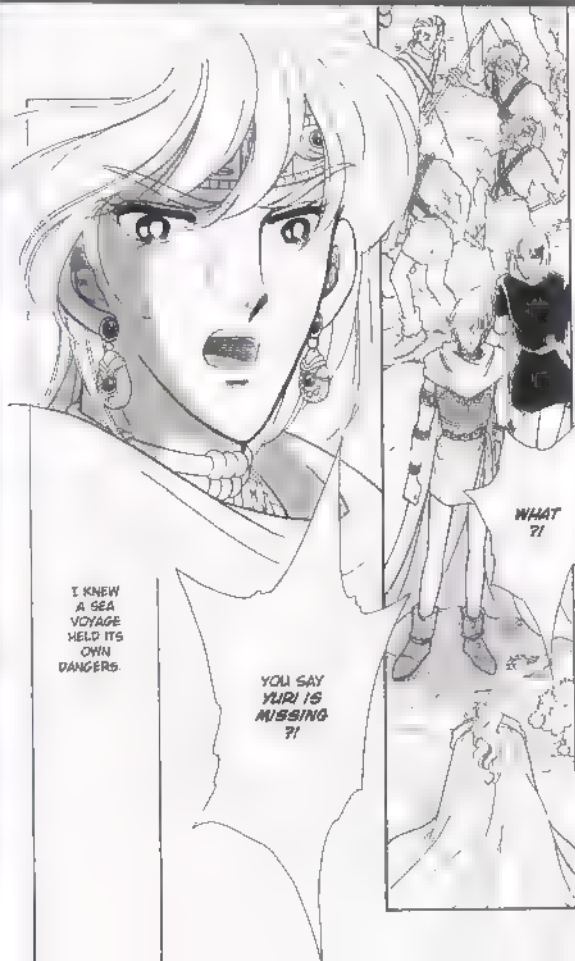
NOW
WHAT?!



HOLD THE
EGYPTIANS
AT THE
RIVER!

WHAT
A FINE AND
UNEXPECTED
OPPORTUNITY
TO PUT AN
END TO HIM!

IS THAT
MURDIL! IT
IN COMMAND?



I KNEW
A SEA
VOYAGE
HELD ITS
OWN
DANGERS.

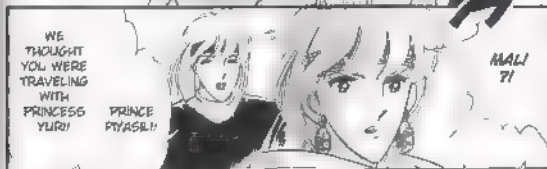
YOU SAY
YURI IS
MISSING
?!

WHAT
?!



YOUR
MAJESTY
!

KLA
KKA



WE
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
TRAVELING
WITH
PRINCESS
YURI!

PRINCE
PYASHU!

MAI!
?!



IT
CAUGHT
FIRE AND
SANK!
ISHTAR
AND MANY
OTHERS ARE
MISSING!

YOUR
MAJESTY, I
MUST INFORM
YOU.

THAT THE
FLAGSHIP
HAS BEEN
LOST!

THOOM

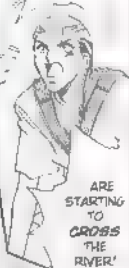


OH
GREAT!

HOW
CAN A
MAN
LEFT SO
BEREFT
STAND
AGAINST
THE
FORCES
ARRAYED
AGAINST
HIM?

YOUR
MAJESTY!

THE
EGYPTIANS
HAVE SPLIT
INTO TWO
GROUPS
AND



ARE
STARTING
TO
CROSS
THE
RIVER!



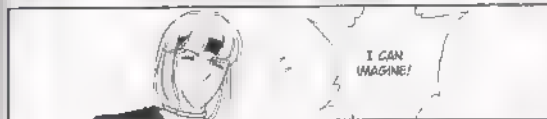
YURI IS
MISSING.



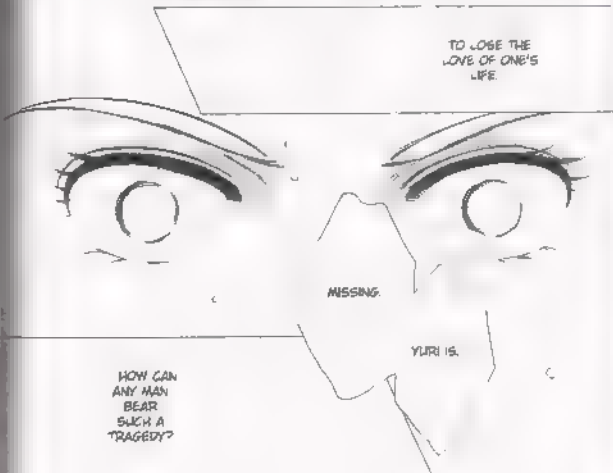
I DON'T HAVE
THE WORDS TO
EXPRESS MY
SORROW FOR
ALLOWING SUCH
A DISASTER TO
HAPPEN!

ALONG
WITH
RUSAFÄ
AND
RYLÄ!

MY MEN
CONTINUE TO
SEARCH FOR
THEM!



I CAN
IMAGINE!

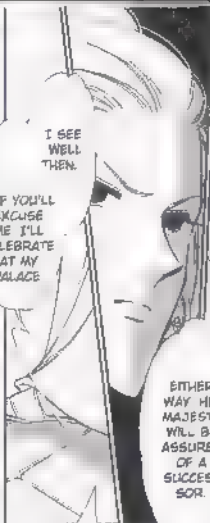


TO LOSE THE
LOVE OF ONE'S
LIFE

MISSING.

YURI IS.

HOW CAN
ANY MAN
BEAR
SUCH A
TRAGEDY?



I SEE
WELL
THEN.

IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME I'LL
CELEBRATE
AT MY
PALACE



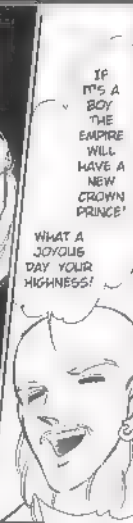
AND
IF A GIRL
HITTING LAW
WILL ALLOW
HER TO LEAD
THE NATION
ONCE SHE'S
MARRIED



ETHER
WAY HIS
MAJESTY
WILL BE
ASSURED
OF A
SUCCESS-
SOR.



IF
IT'S A
BOY
THE
EMPIRE
WILL HAVE A
NEW
CROWN
PRINCE!



WHAT A
JOYOUS
DAY YOUR
HIGHNESS!

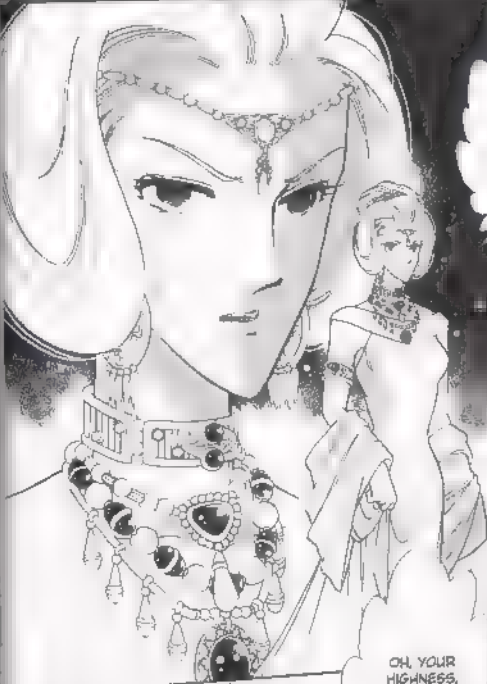


LET'S MAKE
A PUBLIC
ANNOUNCE-
MENT!

AH YES,
A CELE-
BRATION!



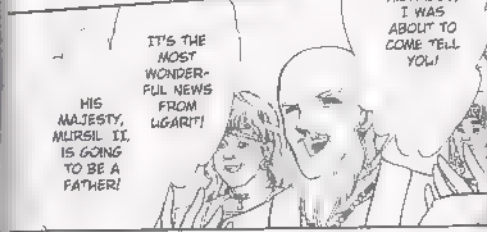
A KNOWN
MAJESTY, HE
WOULD RATHER
HAVE KEPT THE
DEVELOPMENT
A SECRET,
ESPECIALLY
FROM HIS



WHAT
IS THIS
I HEAR
ABOUT HIS
MAJESTY?!



OH, YOUR
HIGHNESS,
I WAS
ABOUT TO
COME TELL
YOU!



IT'S THE
MOST
WONDER-
FUL NEWS
FROM
UGARIT!

HIS
MAJESTY,
MURSIL II,
IS GOING
TO BE A
FATHER!

YOU WILL
TUMBLE
DOWN
UPON ME!

YOUR
MAJESTY!

PLEASE
GIVE US
YOUR
ORDERS!

SIR,

YOUR
MAJESTY
?!

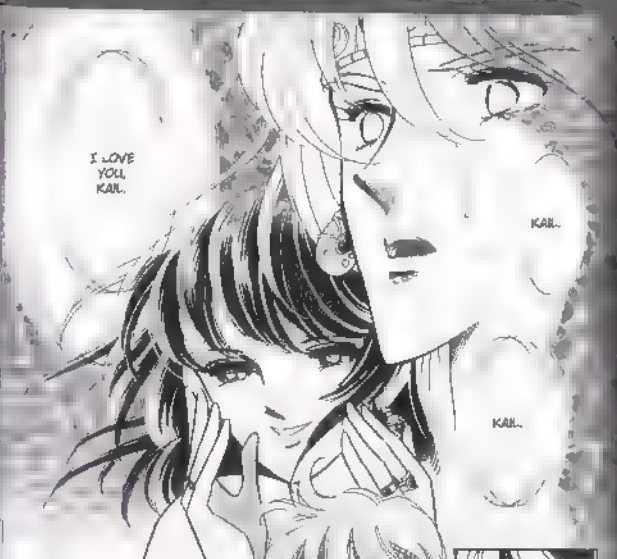
THE
EGYPTIANS
ARE COMING
AT US!

WHAT ARE
YOUR
ORDERS,
YOUR
MAJESTY?

CROSS
THE
ORONTES
RIVER!

BRING
DOWN THE
HITTITES!

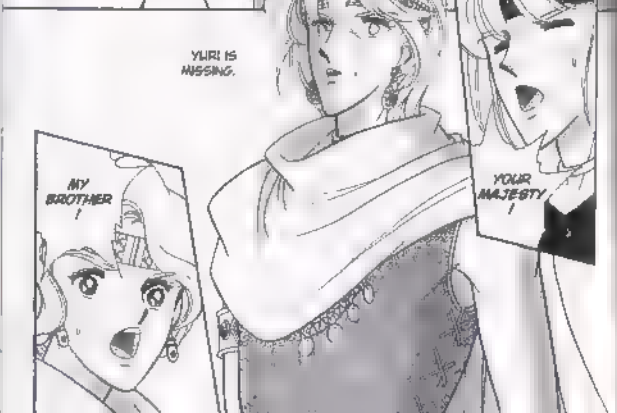
R
A
H
A
R
O
R
O
R
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R



I LOVE
YOU
KAIL.

KAIL.

KAIL.



YURI IS
MISSING.



MY
BROTHER

YOUR
MAJESTY

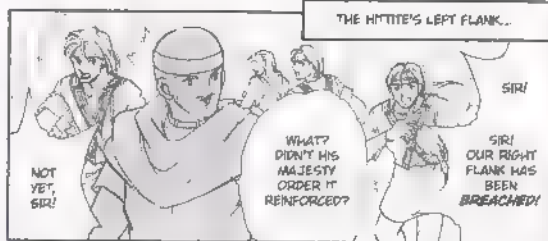


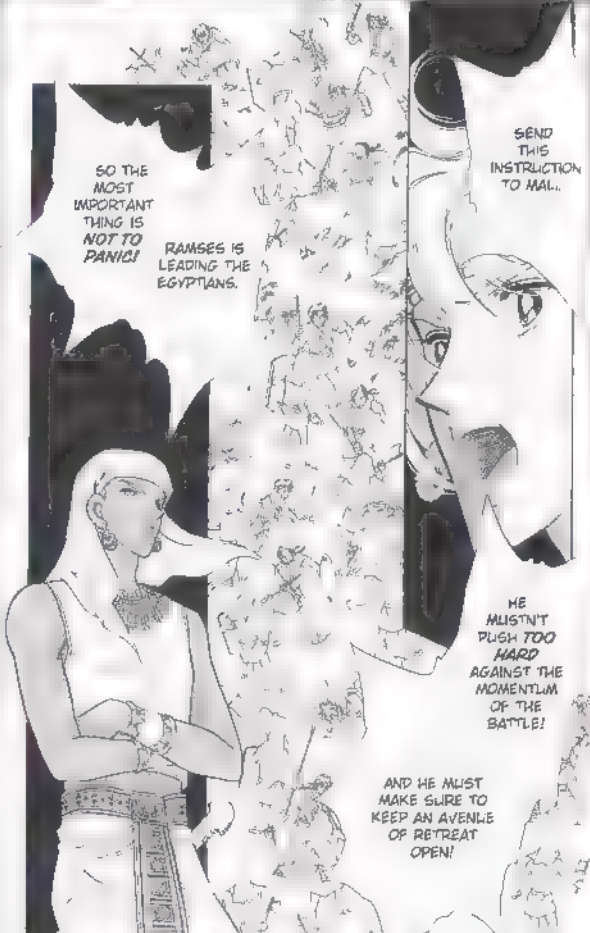
THEN
I WILL
ASSUME
IT, AND
GLADLY

KAIL.

I'M NOT SURE
I'M WORTHY TO
SERVE AS
TAYANNANA.

BUT IF
NAKA MAY
NO LONGER
HOLD THAT
POSITION.





SO THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
THING IS
NOT TO
PANIC!

RAMSES IS
LEADING THE
EGYPTIANS.

SEND
THIS
INSTRUCTION
TO MAL..

WE
MUSTN'T
PUSH TOO
HARD
AGAINST THE
MOMENTUM
OF THE
BATTLE!

AND HE MUST
MAKE SURE TO
KEEP AN AVENUE
OF RETREAT
OPEN!

TA-
R-
R-
P-
P-
P-
P-

YOUR
MAJESTY!

I'LL SEE
YOU
LATER!

BLI
NK

DECA

H. HOW
MANY
EGYPTIANS
ARE WE
FACING ON
THE RIGHT
FLANK?

I
BELIEVE
THERE
ARE
ABOUT
150!

SIR.



THE NEWS OF
YURI HAS
RETURNED

FALSO
MEN
AND AN
OTHER
STILL

HAS YOUR
HEART
FLED THIS
BATTLE?!

THIS IS A
SAD
RESPONSE,
MURSI!!
HAVE YOU
GONE
FEEBLE?!



WE MUST
FALL BACK
AND
REGROUP!

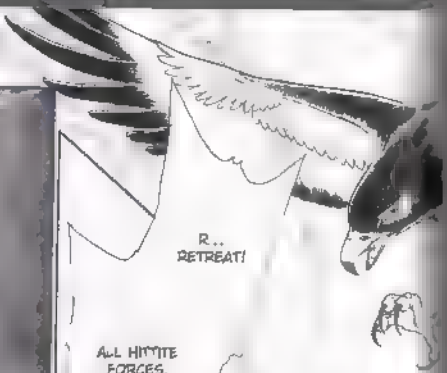
WE
CAN'T
HOLD
HERE!
TIME TO
RETREAT!

THIS
IS NO
GOOD!

FACED
SUCH FOR-
MIDABLE
FIGHTERS!

I'VE
NEVER

WITH RAMSES
COMMANDING
THEM, EVEN A
SMALL MISTAKE
ON OUR SIDE
COULD BE
FATAL!



R...
RETREAT!

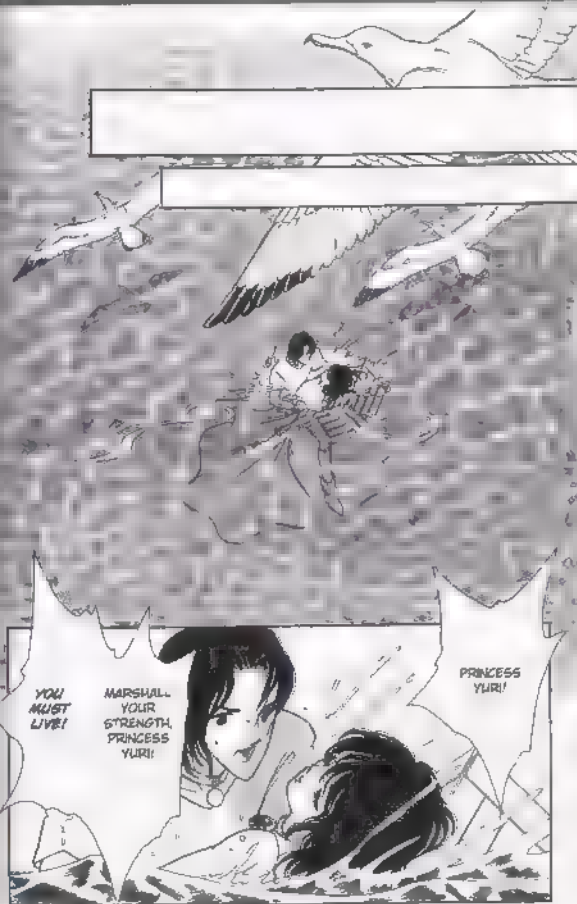
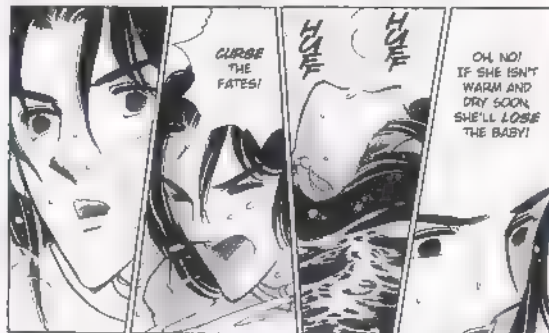
ALL HITTITE
FORCES,
RETREAT!!

VICTORY
IS IN HIS
GRASP!
NOTHING
WILL
STOP
HIM!



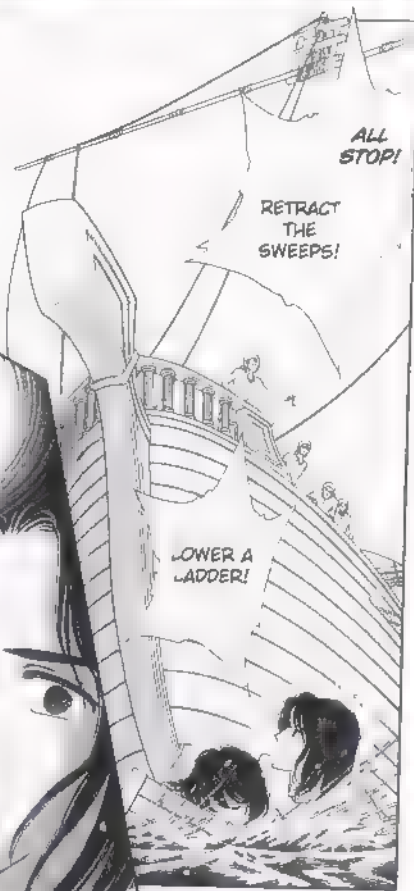
RAMSES
IS LIKE A
CIRCLING
HAWK.

.CLOSING
IN ON ITS
PREY WITH
WINGS
STRETCHED
FREE AND
WIDE





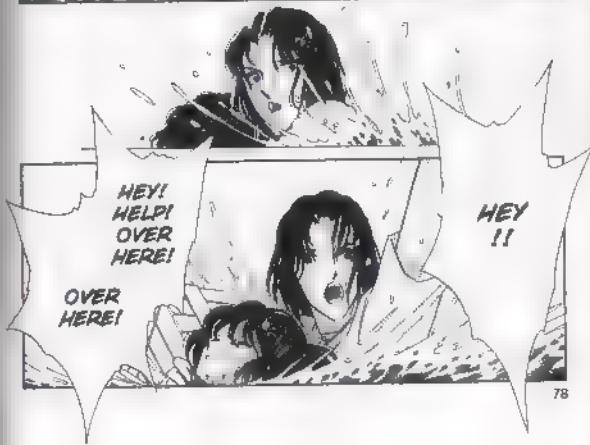
WE'RE
SAVED!



ALL
STOP!

RETRACT
THE
SWEEPS!

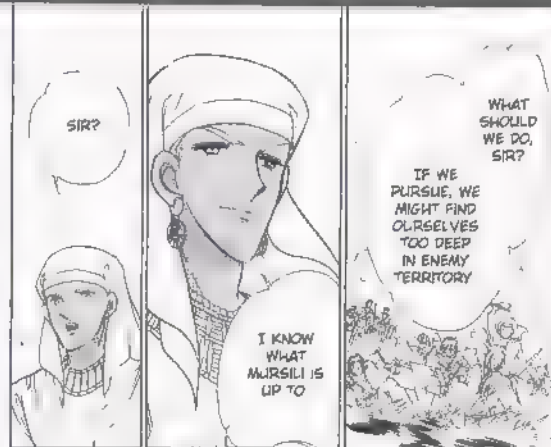
LOWER A
LADDER!

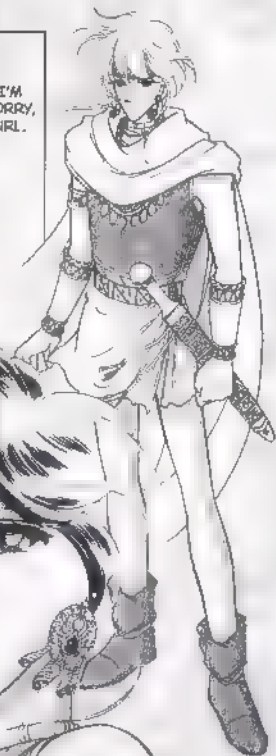


HEY!
HELP!
OVER
HERE!

OVER
HERE!

HEY
!!



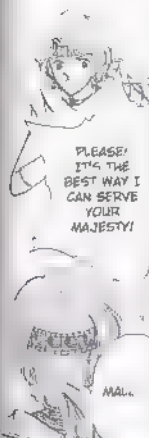


I'M
SORRY,
YURL.

.BUT
MY NATION
REQUIRES
MY FULL
ATTENTION.

WILL
WE BE
ABLE TO
MAKE
UP
FOR MY
EARLIER
INACTION?

I HATE
CEDING
THE
BANKS OF
THE
ORONTES,
BUT IT'S
NO
LONGER A
TENABLE
POSITION
FROM
WHICH TO
DEFEND
LAGART



MALL

BROTHER!

LET ME
COMMAND
THE REAR
GUARD!

WE'LL
POSITION
THE BULK
OF OUR
FORCES AT
THE REAR
TO BUY
TIME.

NOT A
BRILLIANT
MOVE, I
KNOW

BUT IT'S
OUR BEST
COURSE



YES,
SIR!

VERY
WELL,
MALL...
YOU'RE IN
COMMAND

A LETTER
HAS
ARRIVED
FOR YOU
FROM
UGART

UM,
EXCUSE
ME, YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

I WILL
HAVE
NO
OTHER
IN HIS
PLACE!

INDEED?
FROM
WHOM?

IT'S
FROM
THE
TEMPLE
OF
BEL.

BUT
THERE'S
NO NAME
ADDED

GIVE
ME
THAT!

THAT
GIRL
MUST
NOT
HAVE
THAT
BABY!

A KAIL
TO BE
A
FATHER?

UNACCEPTABLE

HUE
HUE
HUE

MY
SON
JUDA
MUST
SUCCEED
TO THE
THRONE!

HUE
HUE
HUE

CRASH

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT, SIR!

SEE?

HE'S
TRYING TO
BUY TIME

RAMSES!

KLAK

YOU WILL
ADVANCE
NO
FURTHER!

TUM
P

GENERAL
USER
RAMSES!

KLAK

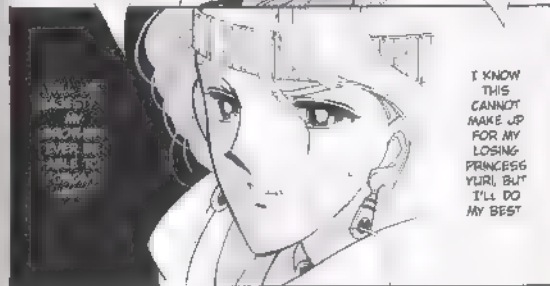
AND I'LL
STILL
CHASE
YOU TO
THE
GATES OF
UGARIT!

IT'LL
COST
YOU,
MURSI!



EVEN IF
THEY FALL
BACK,
MAINTAIN
YOUR
POSITION!

HOLD THE
EGYPTIANS
HERE,
MEN!



I KNOW
THIS
CANNOT
MAKE UP
FOR MY
LOSING
PRINCESS
YURI, BUT
I'LL DO
MY BEST

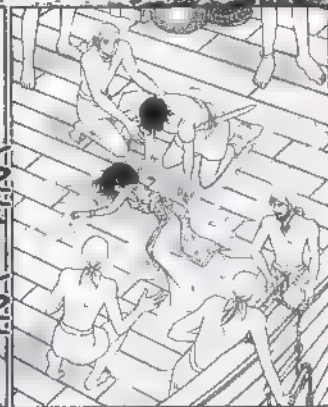




OR ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE?

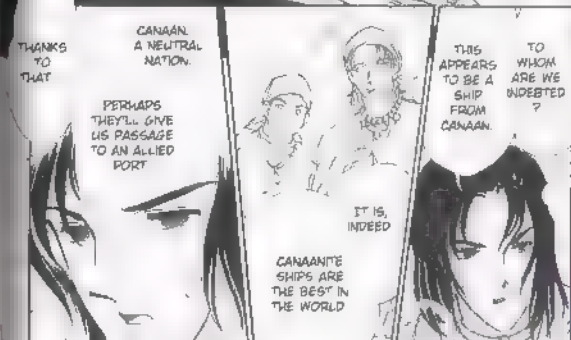
HAVE YOU A PHYSICIAN ABOARD?

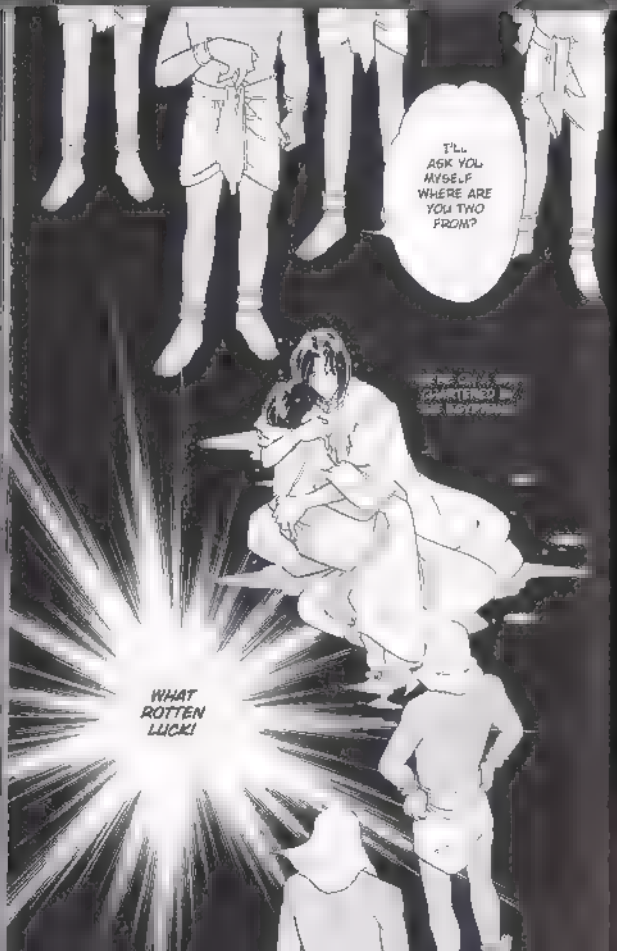
I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SAVING US!



DID YOUR SHIP SINK?

YOU'RE LUCKY WE HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY





I'LL
ASK YOU
MYSELF
WHERE ARE
YOU TWO
FROM?

WHAT
ROTTEN
LUCK!



NO ONE IS TO
BE BROUGHT
ABOARD ONE OF
OUR GREAT
PHAROAH'S
VESSELS WITHOUT
MY PERMISSION.

AND THE
FIRST
RULE
IS.

EGYPTIAN
SOLDIERS!

HEY!

HUH! A
WOMAN.

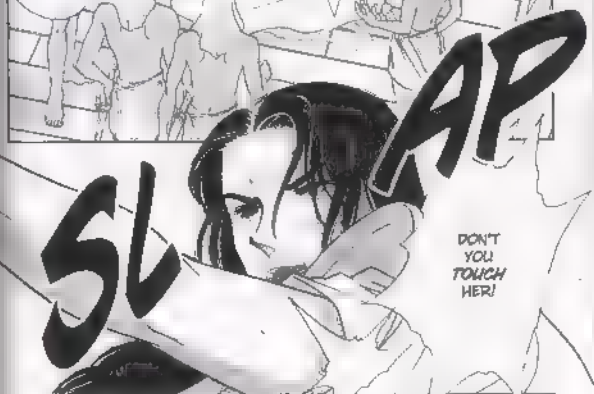
LOOK!

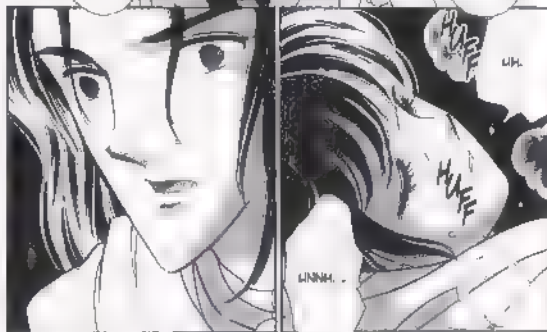
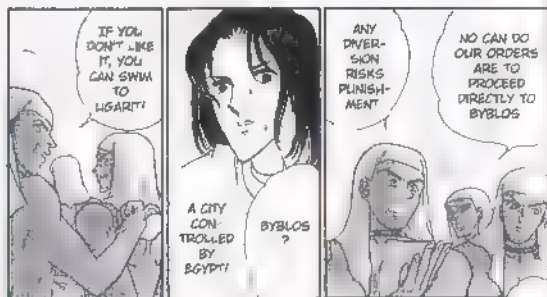
THESE
EGYPTIANS.

ON
SIEMPRE
HAYO T

MUST
NOT FIND
OUT WHO
WE
REALLY
ARE!









MY
STOMACH
MY WHOLE
BODY
HURTS!

PLEASE...
PLEASE
HELP MY
BABY ..

SOMETHING
FEELS
BROKEN
INSIDE!
PLEASE,
HELP!

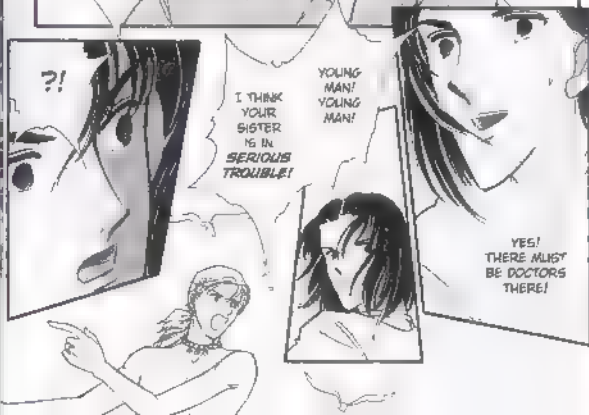
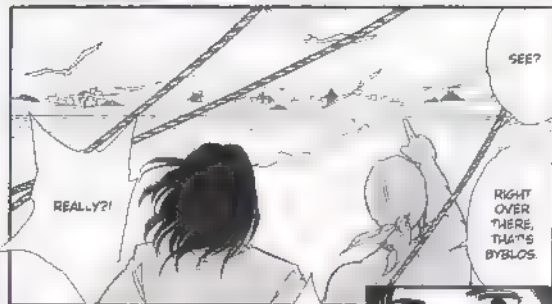
H
U
F

H
U
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Ah...
Ah...
RIGHT!

BYELOS
IT IS!
WITH ALL
SPEED!

I DO NEED
TO GET
PRINCESS
YURI TO A
DOCTOR!
THAT HAS
PRIORITY!



YOU,
AS
MUCH
AS I.

WISH
KAIL
TO
REMAIN
CHILD-
LESS!

WHY
I KNOW
YOU
WILL,
LIRHI

AH!
IT'S
FROM
JIRHI!

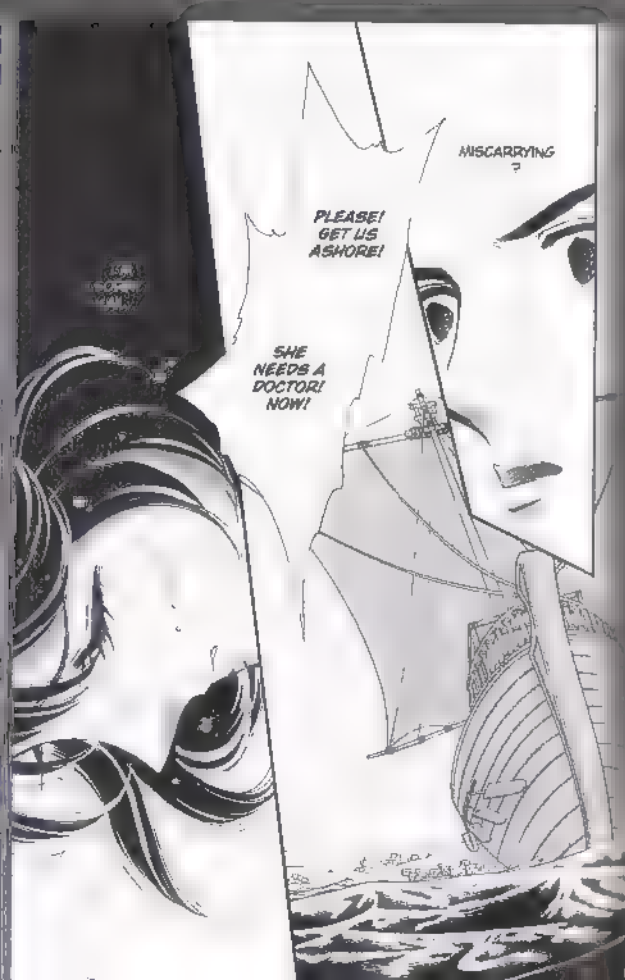
AN EVENT
OF SOME
MOMENT
HAS BEEN
ANNOUNCED
IN UGARIT

WHY IS THIS
THE CONCUBINE OF KING
MURSHU IT IS
EXPECTED

I WILL
DEAL WITH
THE
MATTER.

REST
ASSURED

CRACK



MISCARRYING?

PLEASE!
GET US
ASHORE!

SHE
NEEDS A
DOCTOR!
NOW!



MINNNUH

!!

SHE
SEEMS
TO BE
BLEEDING.

IF I
WERE TO
GUESS, I'D
SAY SHE'S
MISCARRY-
ING!

RO
AR
A
A
A
H
H

ISN'T HE
COMMANDING
THE REAR
GUARD?

WHAT?

WHERE'S
MAL?

RO
AR
A
A
A
H
H

SIR!
THE
EGYPTIANS
HAVE
CROSSED
THE
ORONTES!

YOUR
MAJESTY!

THE
EGYPTIANS
ARE CLOSING
IN ON US
FROM THE
REAR!

PRINCE
PIYASLI
WAS
FELLED
BY THE
SWORD OF
GENERAL
RAMSES.

MALI!

MY GOD,
THOSE
WOUNDS!
WHAT
HAPPENED?

AM
MY
BROTHER.

I'M
HERE,
MALI!

RAMSES
DID THIS?

YOUR
MAJESTY!

RAVE

KLAK

Y...
YOUR
MAJESTY!

RAVE

WHAT ?

PRINCE
PIYASLI
IS.

WHAT
HAD-
PENED?

KASHI
HITTAN-
AMMA!

MALI!

SWAH

MY ONLY
REGRET IS.

THAT
I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO SEE.

YOUR
FIRST
CHILD

MAL!

ATONE?
FOR WHAT,
MAL?!

MY
BROTHER.

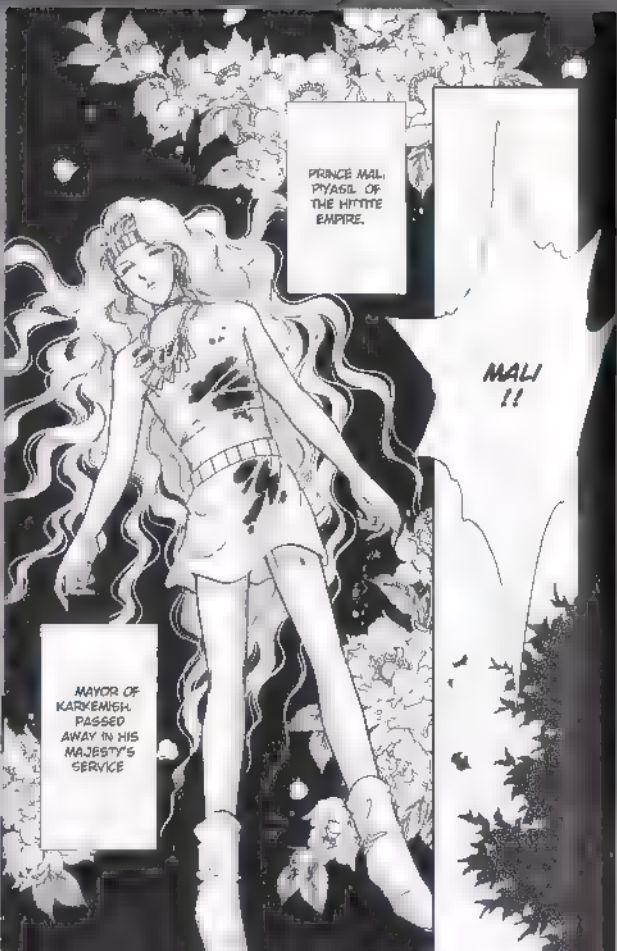
PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME FOR DYING
BEFORE I
COULD ATONE.

ISHTAR,
YOUR
PRINCESS
YURI
WILL BE
BACK SOON.

I
ASSURE
YOU,
BROTHER.

I WILL BE
WATCHING
THE
PASSAGEWAY
TO THE
OTHER
WORLD.

AND WHEN
I SEE ISHTAR,
I WILL BAR
HER WAY
AND TELL HER
TO RETURN
TO YOU.



PRINCE MALI
PIYAGOL OF
THE HITITE
EMPIRE.

MALI
!!

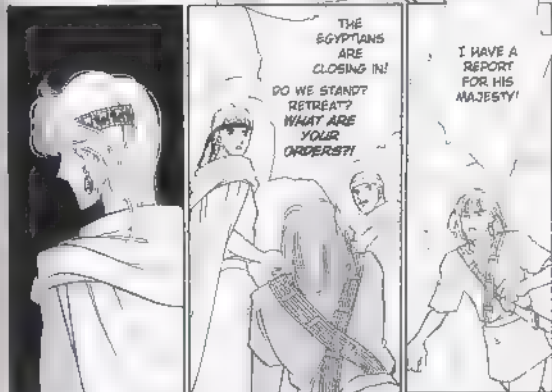
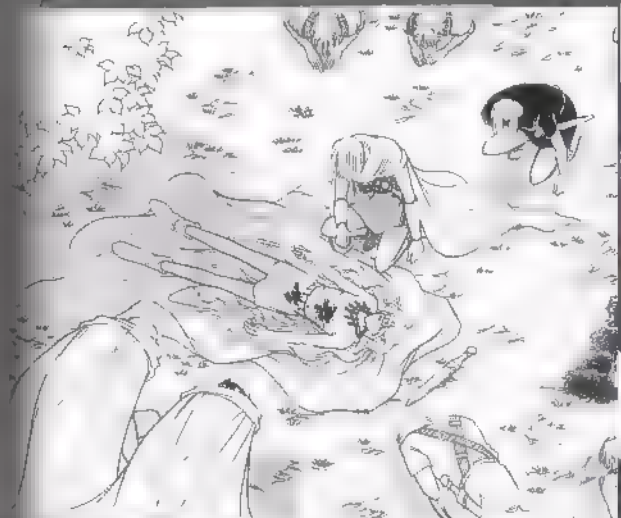
MAYOR OF
KARSEMICH
PASSED
AWAY IN HIS
MAJESTY'S
SERVICE





YOUR MAJESTY!

LINGHI





UNGH...!



JUST
HAD.

A
TOUCH OF
NAUSEA.



OUR
DEFENSIVE
LINE ISN'T
READY!

THE
EGYPTIANS
WILL BE
UPON US,
SIR!



I
KNOW

YOUR
MAJESTY
SHOULDN'T
WE
RETREAT?

I'M ALL
RIGHT

YOUR
MAJESTY



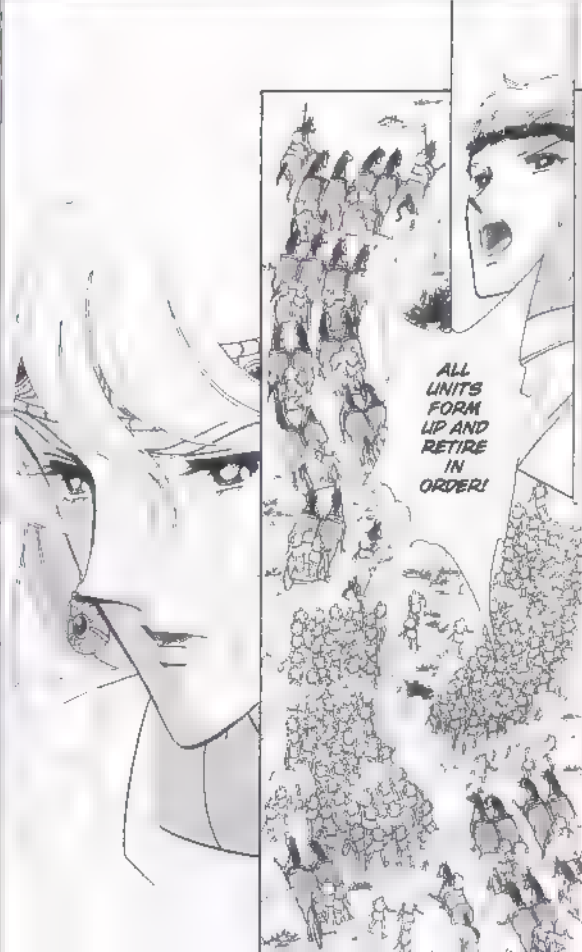
UHHH...

AUGH!

KOFF

WHAT'S
WRONG,
SIR? ARE
YOU ILL?

YOUR
MAJESTY!



ALL
UNITS
FORM
UP AND
RETIRE
IN
ORDER!



I'M FINE
LET ME
COMMAND



LICK!



YOUR
MAJESTY!



HE IS
ILL!

RETREAT!

WE'RE
PULLING
BACK TO
THE PALACE
AT HGARIT!

SINCE
BECOMING
KING,
MURGILI
II HAS
NEVER.

...EXPERI-
ENCED AS
TERRIBLE A
SETBACK
AS THIS.

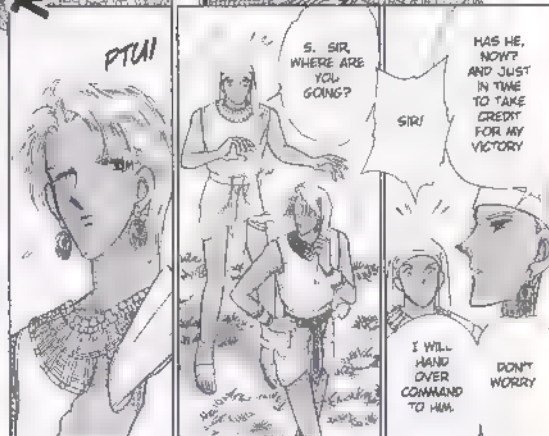
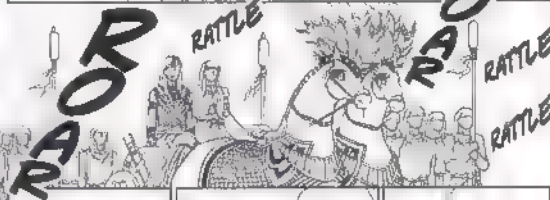
ROO
OAA
ARR

RAA
AAH

ROO
OAA
ARRR

ROO
OAA
ARRR

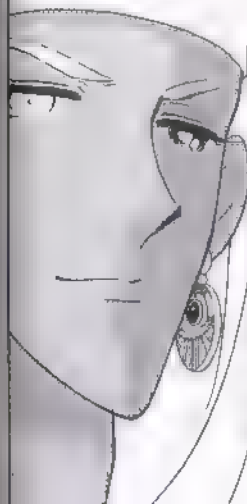
WE'VE
LOST THE
BATTLE...

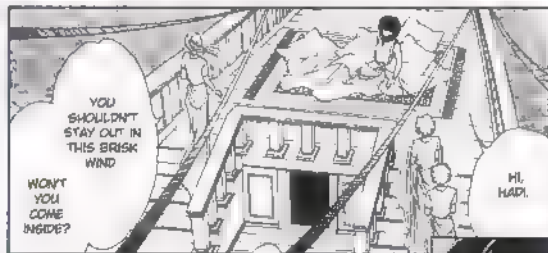


I'M SURPRISED MURSILI II WAS SO ILL PREPARED FOR THIS BATTLE.

STILL, I'M PLEASED THAT WE'VE CROSSED THE ORONTES

AFTER BRINGING UGARIT UNDER EGYPTIAN CONTROL, I WILL MOVE ON TO HATTUSA.





YOU
SHOULDN'T
STAY OUT IN
THIS BRISK
WIND

WON'T
YOU
COME
INSIDE?

HI,
HADI.

THAT'S
RIGHT

THE SMELL
OF THE
OCEAN
REMINDS ME
OF MY
CHILDHOOD
I FEEL LIKE
TAKING A
SWIM.

I GREW
UP IN AN
AREA
VERY
NEAR THE
SHORE.

YOU ONCE
SAID YOU
WERE BORN IN
A COUNTRY
SURROUNDED
BY THE SEA.

GIVE ME
JUST A
FEW
MORE
MINUTES,
HADI.

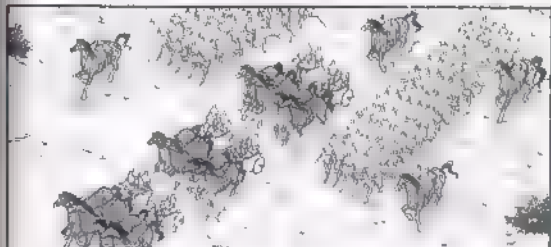
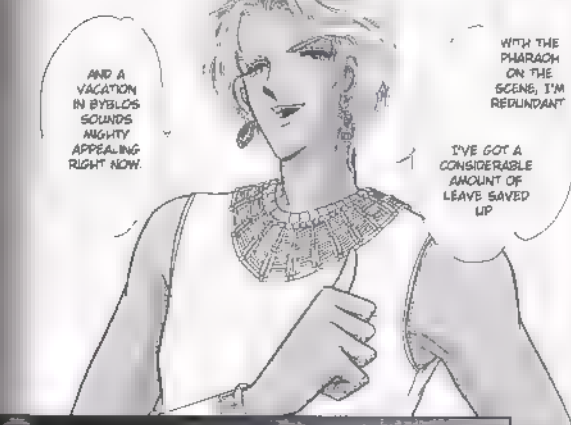
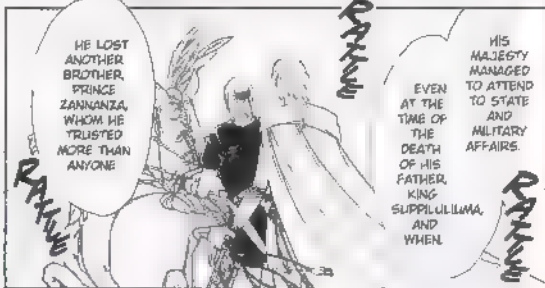
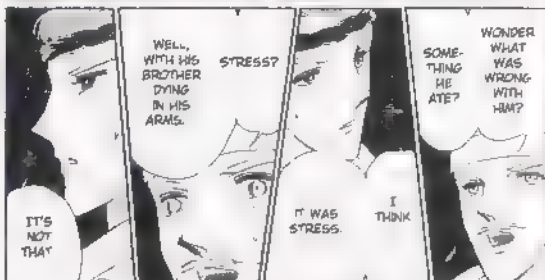
THE SEA
BREEZE
FEELS SO
GOOD.

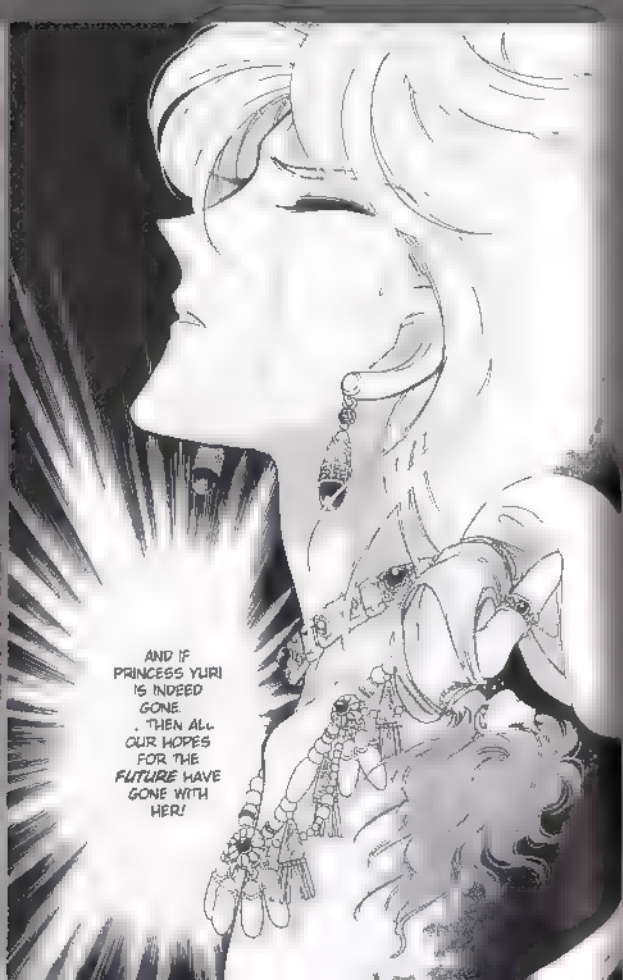
I'M A
VERY
GOOD
SWIMMER

SPWOOSH



PRINCESS
YURI!





AND IF
PRINCESS YURI
IS INDEED
GONE
THEN ALL
OUR HOPES
FOR THE
FUTURE HAVE
GONE WITH
HER!

I KNOW
HOW BADLY
HE NEEDS
YURI AT HIS

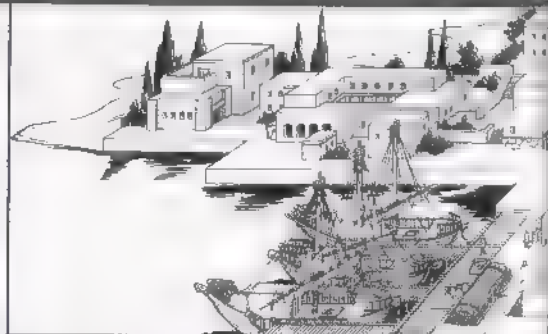
THOUGH WE
KNEW THE RISKS,
WE ALL WANTED
HIS MAJESTY TO
MARRY HER. HER
LOSS COULD
WELL BE A
MORTAL BLOW!

THAT'S
PUTTING A
STRAIN ON
HIS
MAJESTY'S
HEALTH.

AH!

WHAT
TROUBLES
HIM. I
THINK, IS
PRINCESS
YURI.

IT'S HER
FATE NOT
KNOWING IF
SHE'S
ALIVE OR
DEAD.



TELL
ME,
DOCTOR!

WILL
ISH.
I MEAN
PRI

...I MEAN
MY LITTLE
SISTER
BE ALL
RIGHT?

BYBLOS
WAS A
CANAANITE
PORT
CITY

ESTABLISHED
BY THE
PHOENICIANS,
IT THRIVED ON
MARITIME TRADE
AND MAINTAINED
A CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP
WITH EGYPT

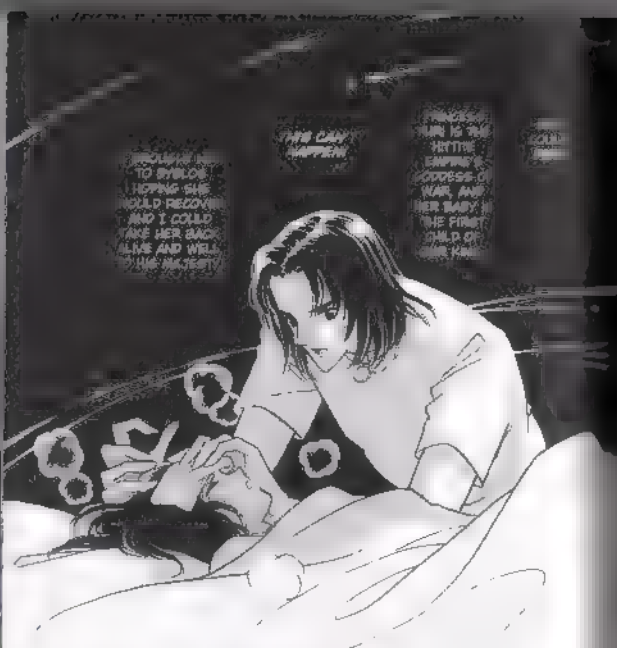
AROUND THIS
TIME BYBLOS
WAS A
STAGING AREA
FOR EGYPT'S
MILITARY
IN THEIR
OFFENSIVE
AGAINST THE
HITTITE EMPIRE.

BYBLOS

TYRE
SIDON

EGYPTIAN
TERRITORY

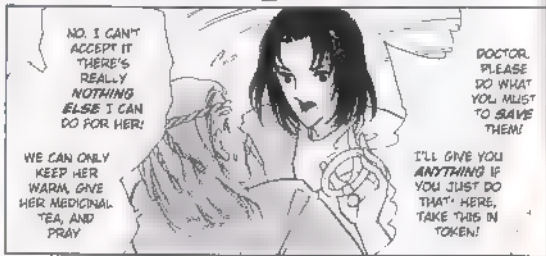




TO FIND
HOPE SHE
WOULD RECOVER
AND I COULD
TAKE HER BACK
ALIVE AND WELL
TO MY TEST

THE DAY
HAPPEN

THAT IS THE
MISTRE
EMPEROR'S
WIFE, AND
HER BABY
THE FIRST
CHILD OF
THE

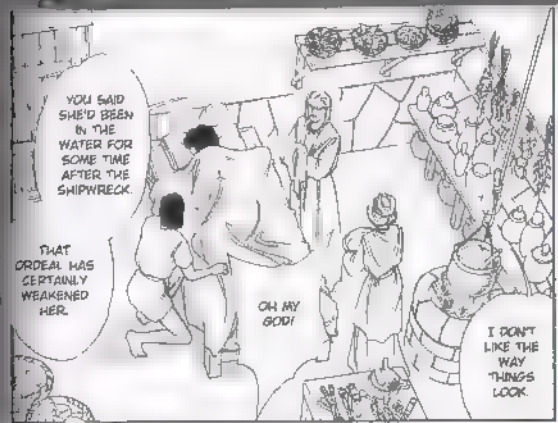


NO, I CAN'T
ACCEPT IT
THERE'S
REALLY
NOTHING
ELSE I CAN
DO FOR HER!

WE CAN ONLY
KEEP HER
WARM, GIVE
HER MEDICINAL
TEA, AND
PRAY

DOCTOR,
PLEASE
DO WHAT
YOU MUST
TO SAVE
THEM!

I'LL GIVE YOU
ANYTHING IF
YOU JUST DO
THAT. HERE,
TAKE THIS IN
TOKEN!



YOU SAID
SHE'D BEEN
IN THE
WATER FOR
SOME TIME
AFTER THE
SHIPWRECK.

THAT
ORDEAL HAS
CERTAINLY
WEAKENED
HER.

OH MY
GOD!

I DON'T
LIKE THE
WAY
THINGS
LOOK.



UNNN.

HUFF

IT'S NOT
JUST HER
BABY HER
OWN LIFE IS
IN GRAVE
PERIL.

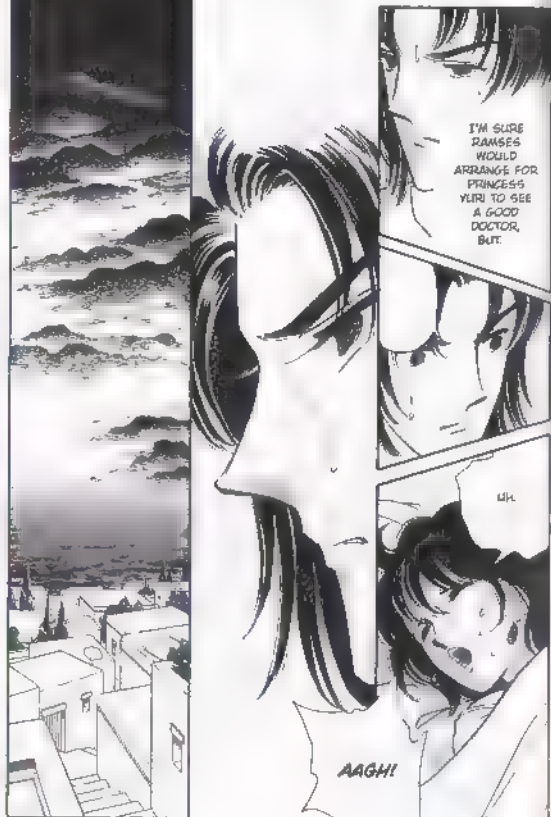
HUFF



UNNN.
AAAAH!

AAAAH

THAT
CAN'T
BE.



I'M SURE
RAMSES
WOULD
ARRANGE FOR
PRINCESS
YURI TO SEE
A GOOD
DOCTOR,
BUT.

AAGH!

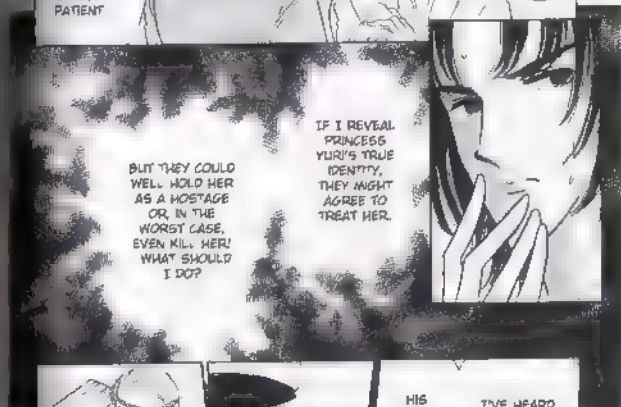


BUT
THEY
MAY NOT
BE
INCLINED
TO
TREAT A
CIVILIAN
PATIENT

YES.
EGYPTIAN
MEDICINE
IS THE
BEST IN
THE
WORLD

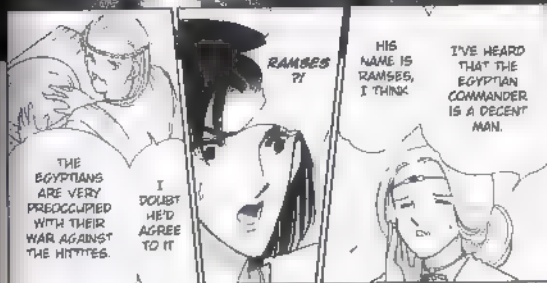
EGYPTIAN
FORCES?

THERE
ARE
BETTER
DOCTORS
WITH THE
EGYPTIAN
FORCES.



BUT THEY COULD
WELL HOLD HER
AS A HOSTAGE
OR, IN THE
WORST CASE,
EVEN KILL HER!
WHAT SHOULD
I DO?

IF I REVEAL
PRINCESS
YURI'S TRUE
IDENTITY,
THEY MIGHT
AGREE TO
TREAT HER.



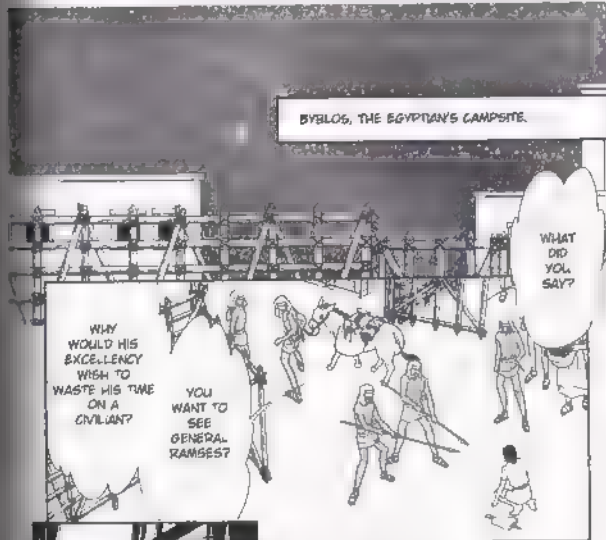
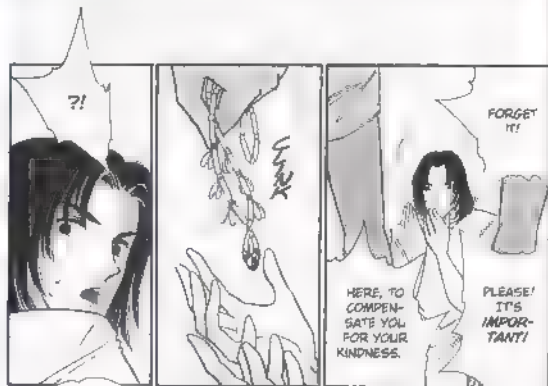
THE
EGYPTIANS
ARE VERY
PREOCCUPIED
WITH THEIR
WAR AGAINST
THE HITTITES.

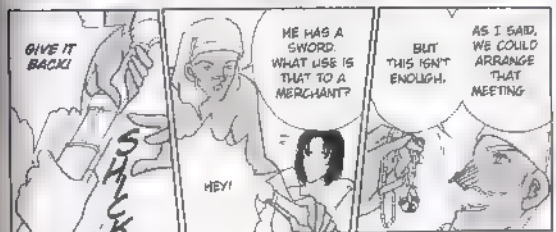
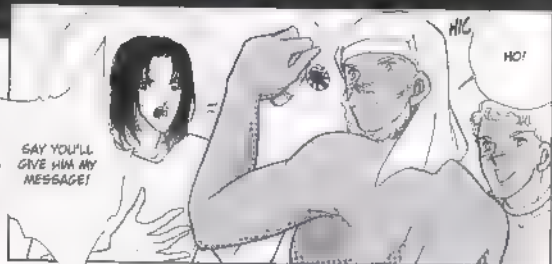
I
DOUBT
HE'D
AGREE
TO IT

RAMSES
?

HIS
NAME IS
RAMSES,
I THINK

I'VE HEARD
THAT THE
EGYPTIAN
COMMANDER
IS A DECENT
MAN.







I DIDN'T
HEAR
YOU
SAY
"PLEASE!"



W
H
O
M
P

SAY
IT!

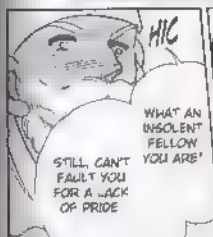
SAY
"PLEASE!"



BOW TO THE
GROUND
AND SAY,
"PLEASE
GIVE MY
MESSAGE
TO GENERAL
RANGES"

SHOW

THIS YOUR
WAY OF
ASKING FOR
A FAVOR?
HOW RUDE!



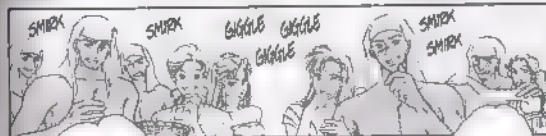
HIC

WHAT AN
INSOLENT
FELLOW
YOU ARE!

STILL CAN'T
FAULT YOU
FOR A LACK
OF PRIDE



DO IT,
MERCHANT
NOW!



SMIRK

SMIRK

GIGGLE

GIGGLE

GIGGLE

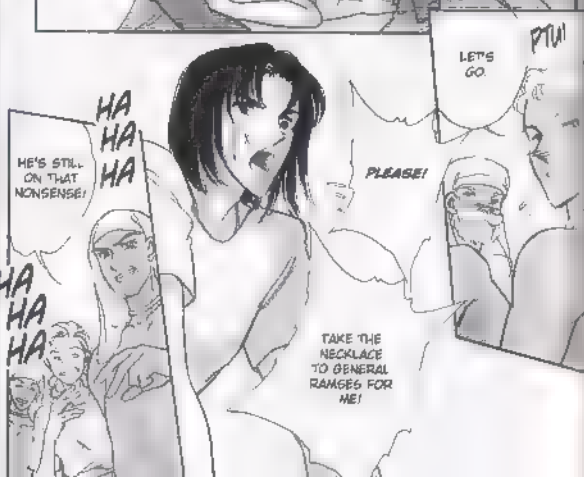
SMIRK

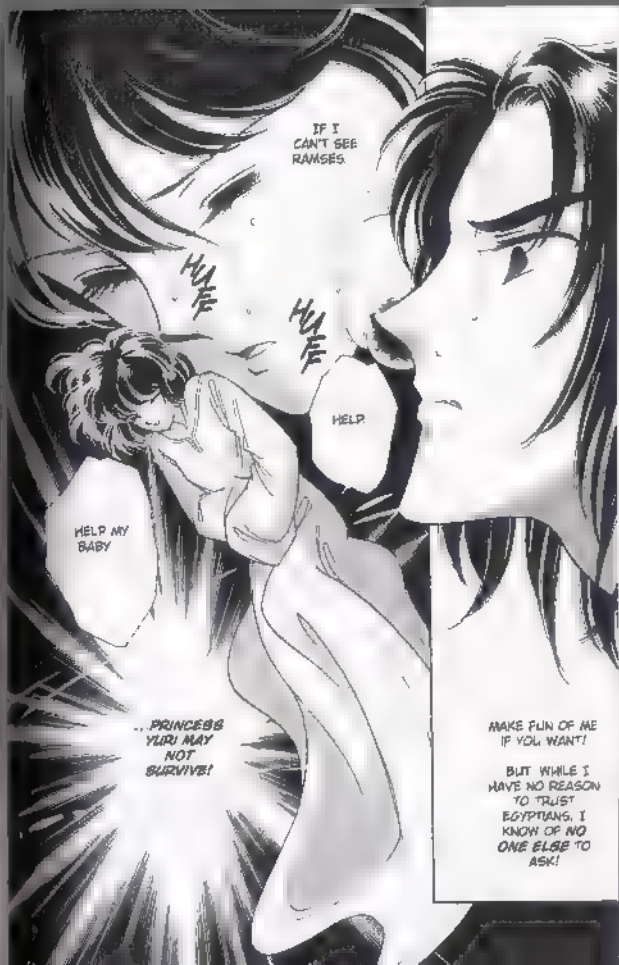
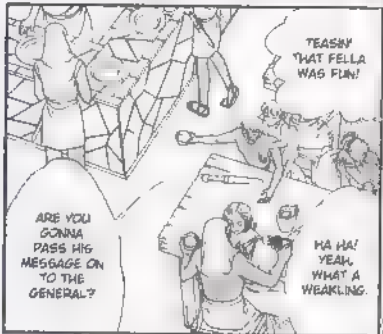
SMIRK



YOU WANT TO
ARRANGE A
DOCTOR FOR
YOUR LITTLE
SISTER WHO IS
ABOUT TO
MISCARRY ISN'T
THAT RIGHT?

YOU WANT
US TO
RELAY
YOUR
MESSAGE TO
THE GENERAL,
DON'T
YOU?





IF I
CAN'T SEE
RAMSES

HEL

HEL

HELP

HELP MY
BABY

...PRINCESS
YURI MAY
NOT
SURVIVE!

MAKE FUN OF ME
IF YOU WANT!

BUT WHILE I
HAVE NO REASON
TO TRUST
EGYPTIANS, I
KNOW OF NO
ONE ELSE TO
ASK!

WE RELY
ON THE
NAVAL
FORCES
THAT
BELONG

TO SUCH
SEAFARING
ALIES AS
UGARIT
ARZAWA AND
KIZWATNA

THE HITTE
EMPIRE HAS
NO SHORE-
LINES, AND
THUS NO
NAVY

KIZ-
WATNA ?
THIS
ISN'T A
HITTE
SHIP?

AND A
SPEEDY
PASSAGE
JUST RELAX
AND ENJOY
THE CRUISE

WE WILL
SEE TO
YOUR
SAFETY

EVERYONE
ON BOARD
IS FAITHFUL
TO KING
MURSHIL II.

THANK YOU,
COMMANDER.

MAY PICK UP
THIS EVENING
IF SO. WE
SHOULD ARRIVE
AT ISKENDERLIN
BY NOON
TOMORROW

IN POINT
OF FACT,
THE
WINDS.

YOU'LL
GET COLD,
AND THAT
WOULDN'T
BE GOOD FOR
YOUR
BABY!

THAT'S
QUITE OUT
OF THE
QUESTION,
PRINCESS
YURI!

IT'S TIME
YOU CAME
INSIDE!
NOW!

GEEZ.
GUYS.

YES,
RUSAFAT?

THE CAPTAIN
OF THE SHIP
WISHES TO BE
PRESENTED TO
ISKHAR

PRINCESS
YURI!

THE NATION OF
KIZWATNA IS
HONORED TO
HAVE YOU
ABOARD.
IF THERE IS ANY
WAY IN WHICH
WE CAN MAKE
YOUR VOYAGE
MORE PLEASANT
JUST SAY SO

I APOLO-
GIZE FOR
NOT HAVING
GREETED YOU
EARLIER,
ISKHAR.

I AM REGR,
COMMANDER
OF THIS
FLEET

GULPI

I'M TAKING
THIS
MATTER TO
GENERAL
RANSES!

COME
ON!

DON'T GIVE
ME THAT!
THIS WAS AN
IRON
BLADE!

THERE'S
NO WAY
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
COULD
AFFORD IT!

ONLY THE
HITTITES MAKE
SUCH
WEAPONS, AND
THEY'RE
EXTREMELY
EXPENSIVE!

HUH! THIS
SWORD'S
REALLY
SOMETHIN'

IT DON'T
LOOK LIKE
BRONZE

YER
RIGHT

ONCE WE
SELL THIS
JEWELRY
WE CAN
HAVE LOTS
MORE FUN!

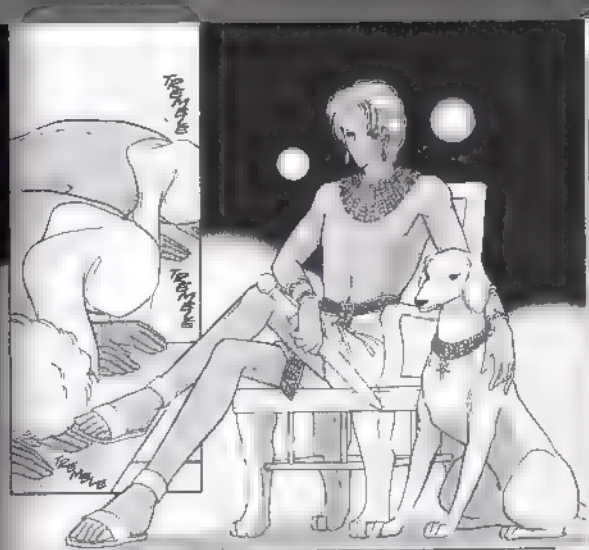


WHERE AND
HOW DID YOU
OBTAIN THIS
SWORD?

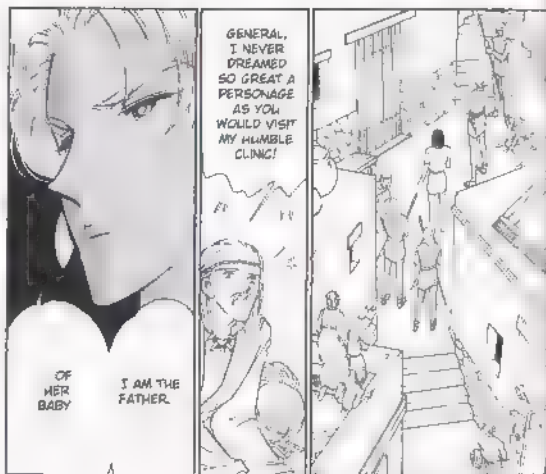
UH, WE...
WE BOUGHT
IT FROM A
MERCHANT
FROM
UGARIT, SIR

HEY! LET
ME SEE
THAT
SWORD.

OH! COM-
MANDER
WASET!







OF
HER
BABY

I AM THE
FATHER.

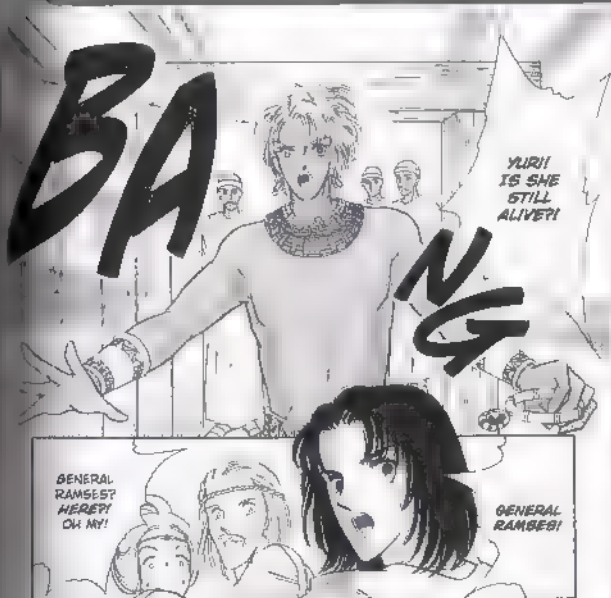
GENERAL,
I NEVER
DREAMED
SO GREAT A
PERSONAGE
AS YOU
WOULD VISIT
MY HUMBLE
CLING!



WE
WE'RE
TERRIBLY
SORRY,
SIR!
WE DIDN'T
KNOW!

HEE?

THE
BABY IS
YOURS.
SIR?



YURI!
IS SHE
STILL
ALIVE!

GENERAL
RAMSESE?
HERE?
OH MY!

GENERAL
RAMSESE!



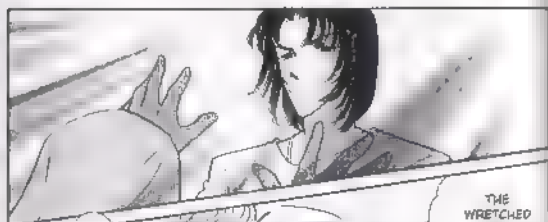
WAA!
THIS
GIRL IS
IN A BAD
WAY

LADY
BRING
US
MORE
HOT
WATER!

ALL MEN,
PLEASE
LEAVE THE
ROOM.

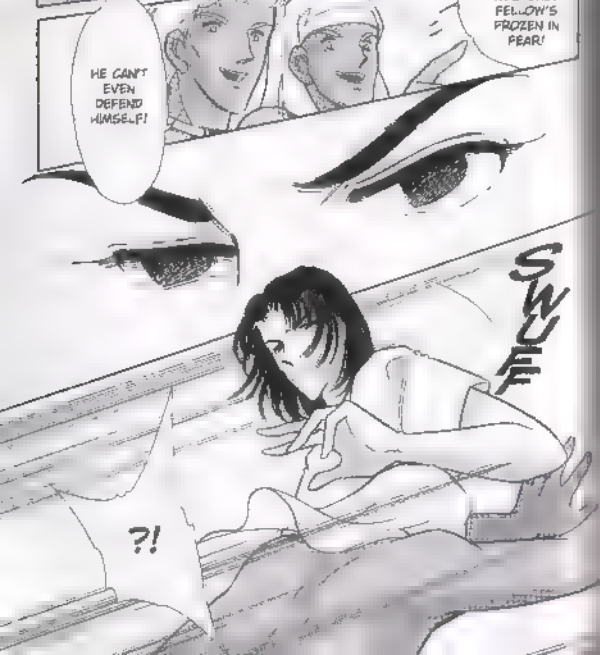
RUSAF!
I KNEW
IT WAS
YOU!

I'VE
BROUGHT
THE
DOCTORS
YOU
REQUESTED.



THE
WRETCHED
FELLOW'S
FROZEN IN
FEAR!

HE CAN'T
EVEN
DEFEND
HIMSELF!

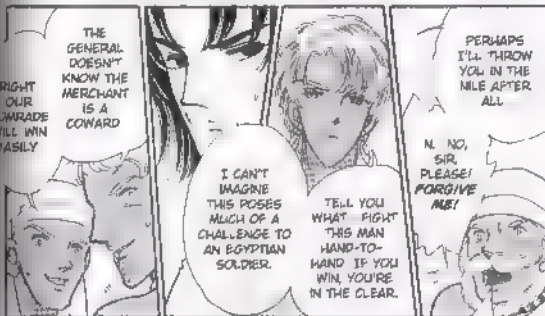


?!



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WHO
SCARRED
THIS MAN'S
FACE?



RIGHT
OUR
COMRADE
WILL WIN
EASILY

THE
GENERAL
DOESN'T
KNOW THE
MERCHANT
IS A
COWARD

I CAN'T
IMAGINE
THIS POSES
MUCH OF A
CHALLENGE TO
AN EGYPTIAN
SOLDIER.

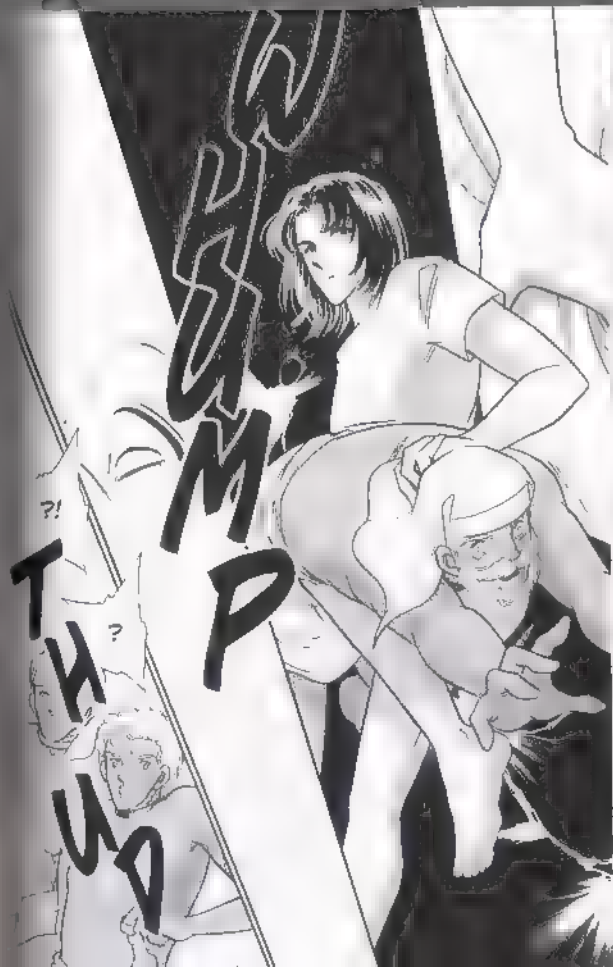
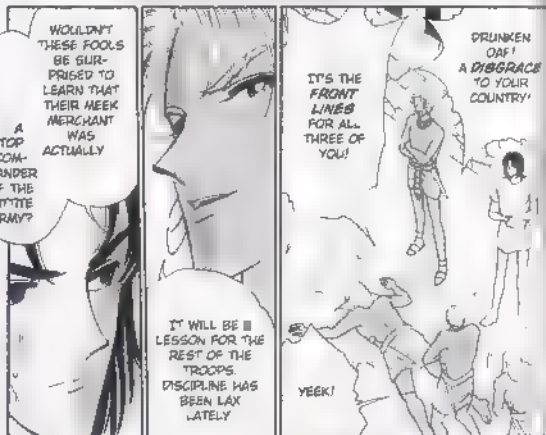
TELL YOU
WHAT FIGHT
THIS MAN
HAND-TO-
HAND IF YOU
WIN, YOU'RE
IN THE CLEAR.

PERHAPS
I'LL THROW
YOU IN THE
MILE AFTER
ALL

N. NO,
SIR,
PLEASE!
FORGIVE
ME!

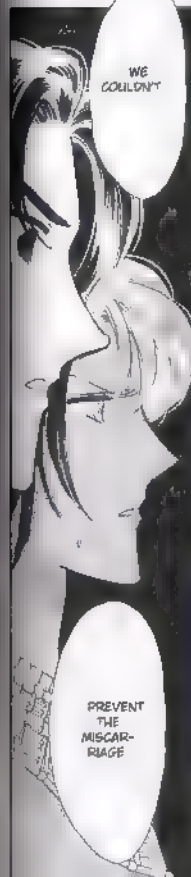


RAAARR!



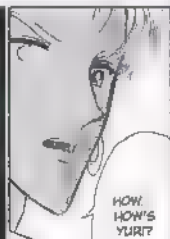


SHE
LOST
THE
CHILD.



WE
COULDN'T

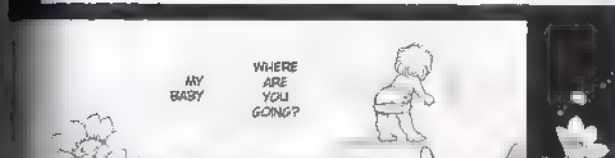
PREVENT
THE
MISCAR-
RIAGE

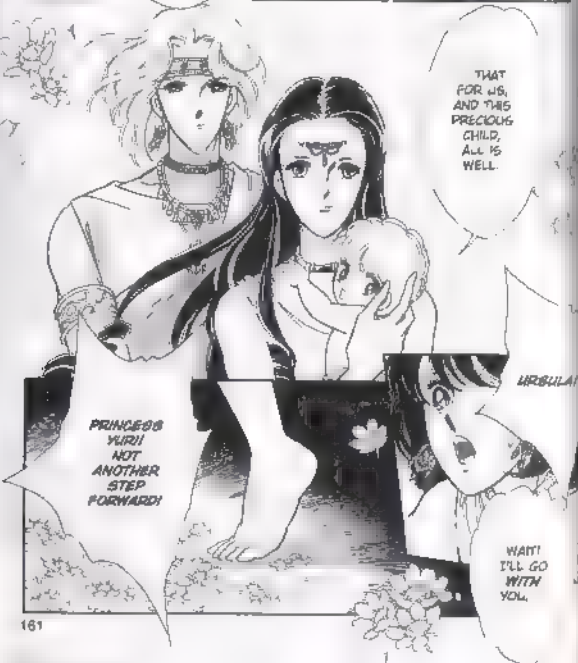


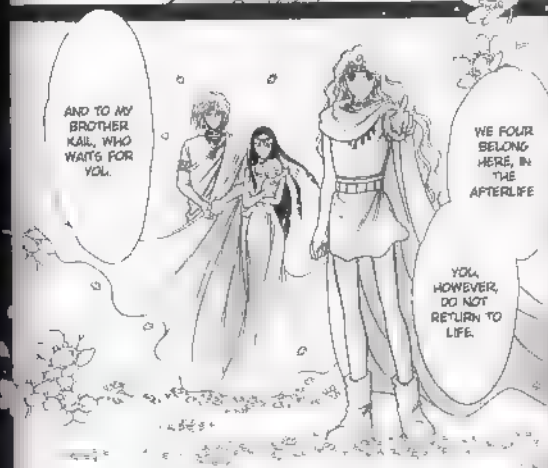
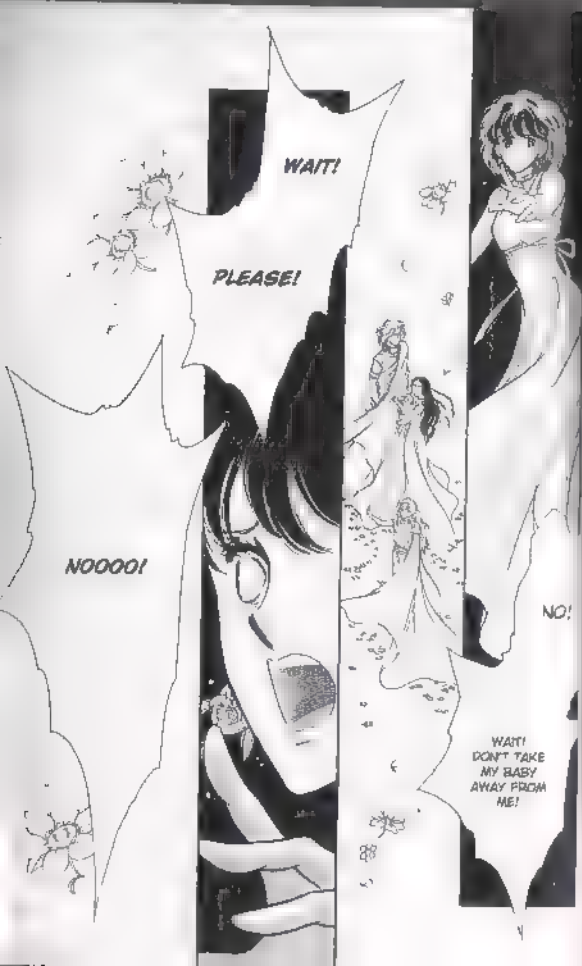
HOW
HOW'S
YURI?

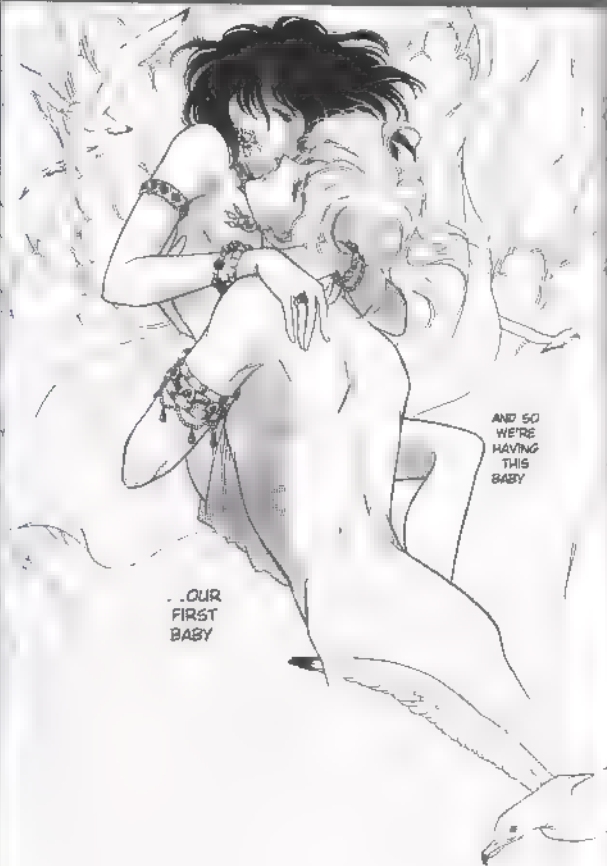


DOCTOR??









...OUR
FIRST
BABY

AND SO
WE'RE
HAVING
THIS
BABY

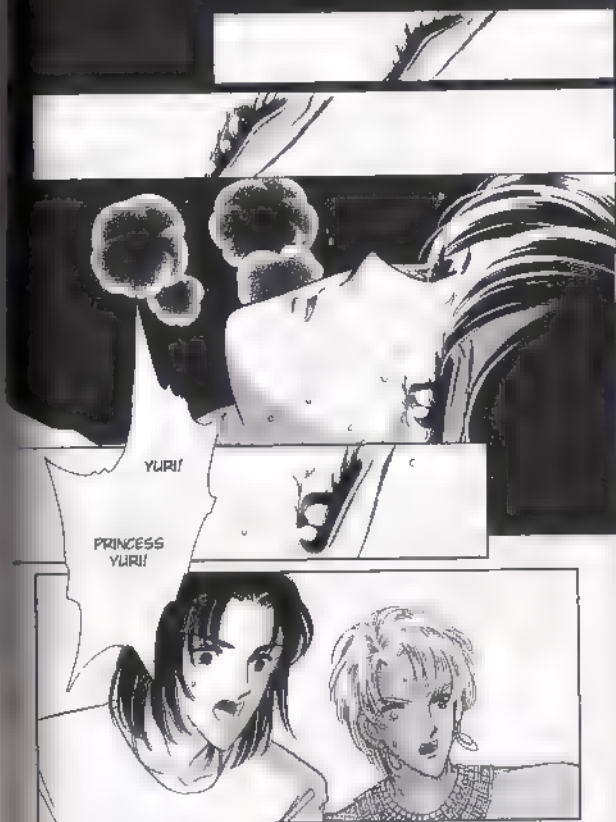
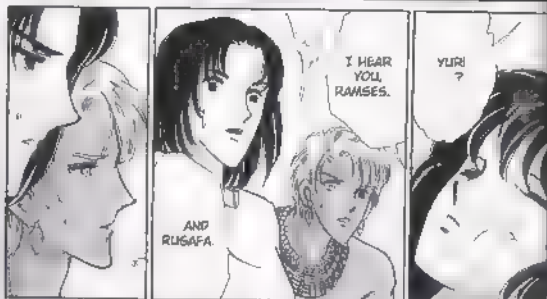
KAIL
AND I .

WE'RE
JUST SO
MUCH IN
LOVE.

BUT YOU'D
FORGIVE ME,
WOULDN'T
YOU?

MOM AND
DAD, YOU'D
BE SHOCKED
TO KNOW I'M
PREGNANT.

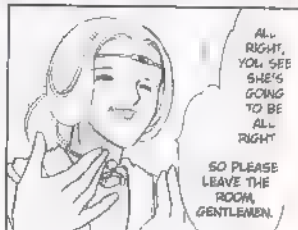






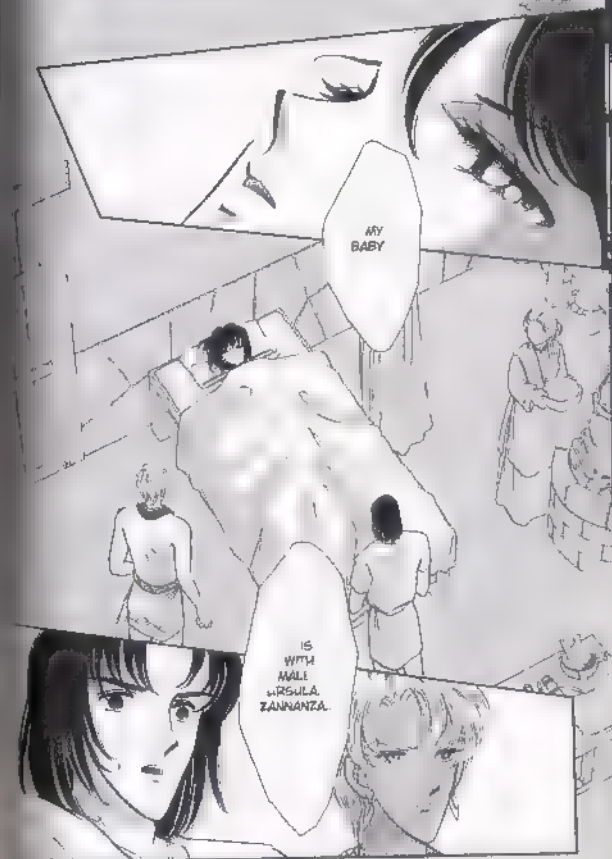
TRY TO
GET SOME
REST
NOW

IT'S A
MIRACLE
YOU
SURVIVED
THIS, YURI



ALL
RIGHT,
YOU SEE
SHE'S
GOING
TO BE
ALL
RIGHT

SO PLEASE
LEAVE THE
ROOM,
GENTLEMEN



MY
BABY

IS
WITH
MILI
URSULA
ZANRANZA

AND
HOW
WILL I
EXPLAIN
IT TO
KAIL?

PERHAPS
I WILL
HAVE
MORE
CHILDREN.

BUT THEY
WILL NOT BE
THE ONE I
LOST

HOW
WILL I
BEAR
IT?

KAIL

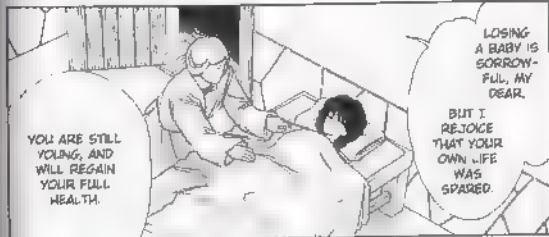


TRAUMA
RUSAFÄ?
LOSS?
CAN GLIM
WORDS EVEN
BEGIN TO
EXPRESS WHAT
SHE HAS
EXPERIENCED?



SHE
CANNOT
YET
WEED
FOR
HER
LOSS.

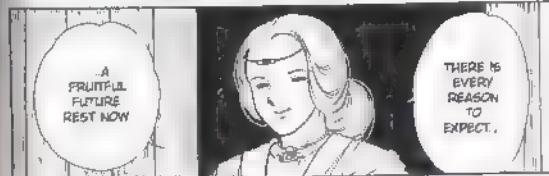
THIS
HAS BEEN
SUCH A
TRAUMA



YOU ARE STILL
YOUNG, AND
WILL REGAIN
YOUR FULL
HEALTH.

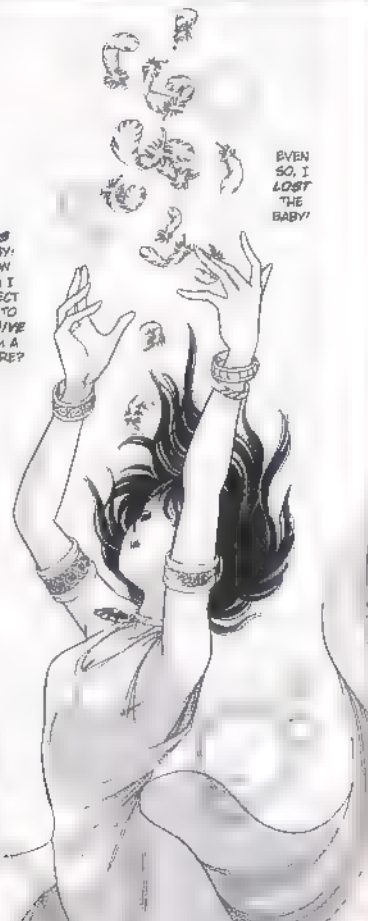
LOSING
A BABY IS
SORROW-
FUL, MY
DEAR.

BUT I
REJOICE
THAT YOUR
OWN LIFE
WAS
SPARED.



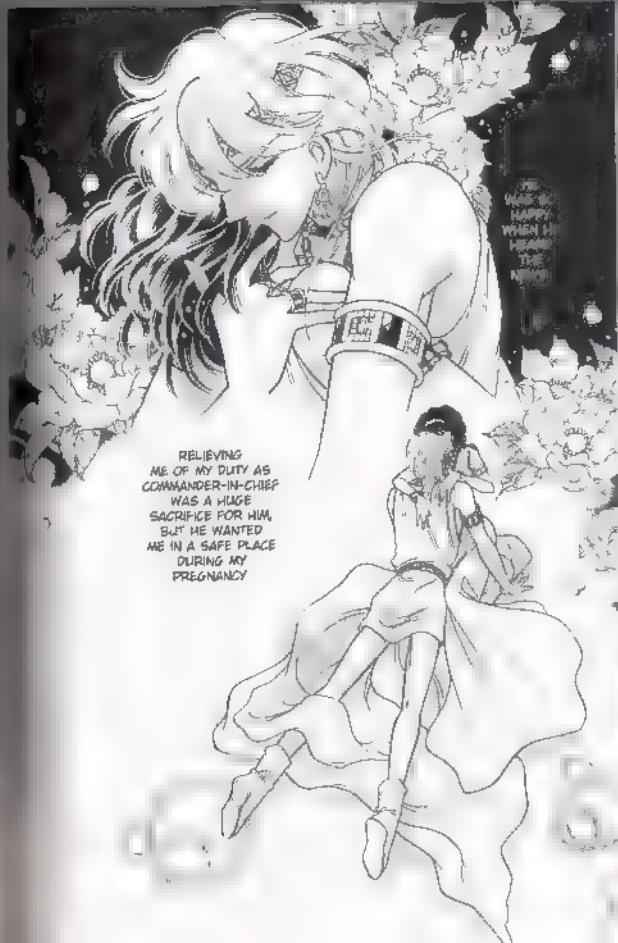
...A
FRUITFUL
FUTURE
REST NOW

THERE IS
EVERY
REASON
TO
EXPECT.



HIS
BABY.
HOW
CAN I
EXPECT
HIM TO
FORGIVE
SUCH A
FAILURE?

EVEN
SO, I
LOST
THE
BABY!



RELIEVING
ME OF MY DUTY AS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
WAS A HUGE
SACRIFICE FOR HIM,
BUT HE WANTED
ME IN A SAFE PLACE
DURING MY
PREGNANCY

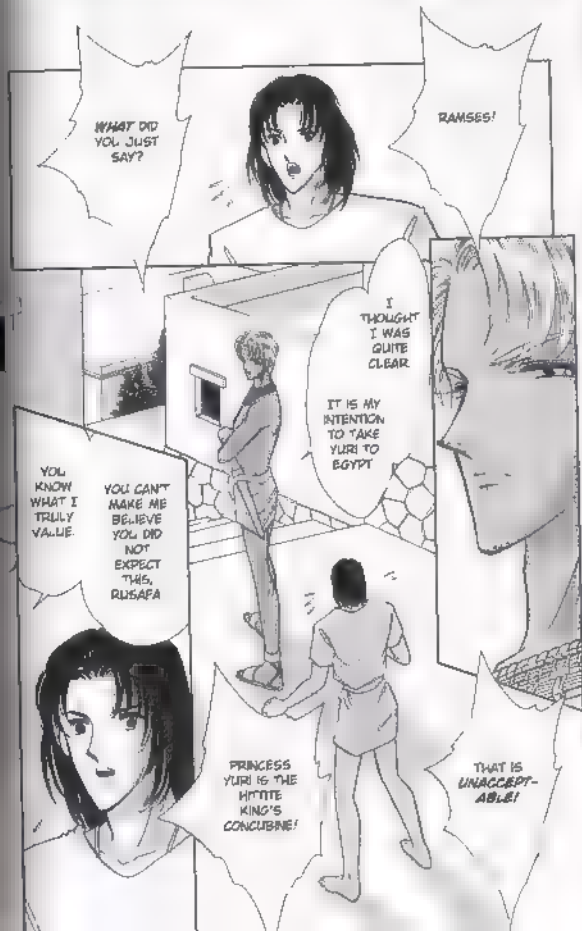
THE
WOMAN
HAPPY
WHEN HE
FORGAVE
THE
BABY



I'VE
MADE
NO
SECRET
OF MY
DESIRE

TO
HAVE
YURI
FOR MY
OWN.

A MAN LIKE
YOU WOULD
NOT BE
FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO
THINK I'D
SEND HER
BACK TO
MURSIL.



WHAT DID
YOU JUST
SAY?

RAMSES!

I
THOUGHT
I WAS
QUITE
CLEAR.

IT IS MY
INTENTION
TO TAKE
YURI TO
EGYPT

YOU
KNOW
WHAT I
TRULY
VALUE.

YOU CAN'T
MAKE ME
BELIEVE
YOU DID
NOT
EXPECT
THIS,
RUSAFÄ

PRINCESS
YURI IS THE
HITTITE
KING'S
CONCUBINE!

THAT IS
UNACCEPT-
ABLE!

HE'S
CARRYING
OUT HIS
MILITARY
DUTIES AND
SEEING TO
THE ADMINIS-
TRATION OF
UGARIT
BUT

HIS
HEALTH
REMAINS A
QUESTION.

BY THE
WAY

HOW IS
HIS MAJESTY
DOING?

I AGREE.

EVEN WHEN
HE DOES
EAT HE
CAN'T SEEM
TO KEEP IT
DOWN.

HE DOESN'T
HAVE MUCH
OF AN
APPETITE

THE PALACE IN UGARIT.

INDEED

KING
MOREAHAB
WAS ASSUMED
COMMAND,
BUT HE'S NO
RAMSES. FOR
THAT WE CAN
BE THANKFUL

THE
EGYPTIANS
HAVE SUR-
ROUNDED
US, BUT
THAT'S ALL
SO FAR.

WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT RYUJI WAS PICKED UP BY AN ARZAWAN MERCHANT SHIP. IF THE SEA COULD NOT TAKE HER, THEN I DON'T SEE HOW IT COULD HOPE TO CLAIM PRINCESS YURI.

WILL YOU LET ME RE- UNCERTAINTY OVERWHELM YOU?

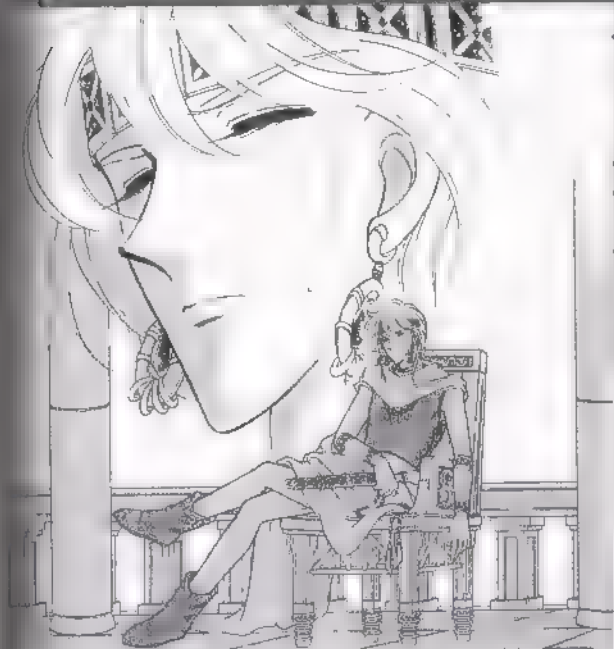
EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT

OH, CERTAINLY!

KIKKURU, I SEE YOUR POINT

BRING ME THAT FRUIT, WILL YOU?

CRUNCH



I CAN'T REST, KIKKURU!

SIR

I WOULD SUGGEST YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LULL IN THE FIGHTING TO GET SOME REST

A black and white comic book panel. A character with short, light-colored hair is shown in a dynamic, almost dancing pose. They are wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved top with a wide collar and a matching skirt. Their right leg is bent and raised, and their left leg is extended forward. The background is a dark, swirling mass of energy or smoke, with a large, bright, starburst-like light source behind the character's head, creating a strong silhouette effect and radiating lines of light.

THE
STRENGTH
TO CARRY
ON!

A black and white comic book panel showing a close-up of a character's face. The character has dark, wavy hair and is looking down with a somber or contemplative expression. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

BUT LOOK
AT ME

PATHETIC!

A black and white comic book panel showing a close-up of a character's face. The character has light-colored hair and is looking up with a determined or defiant expression. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

I WAS SUPREMELY
CONFIDENT THINKING
NOTHING WOULD
STOP ME FROM
LEADING THE HITTTT
EMPIRE INTO A
GLORIOUS NEW ERA.
I BELIEVED MY WILL
WAS UNSHAKABLE!

BUT
AT THE
MOMENT
I DARE
NOT
ATTEMPT
IT
YOU'RE
STILL
FAIR TOO
WEAK

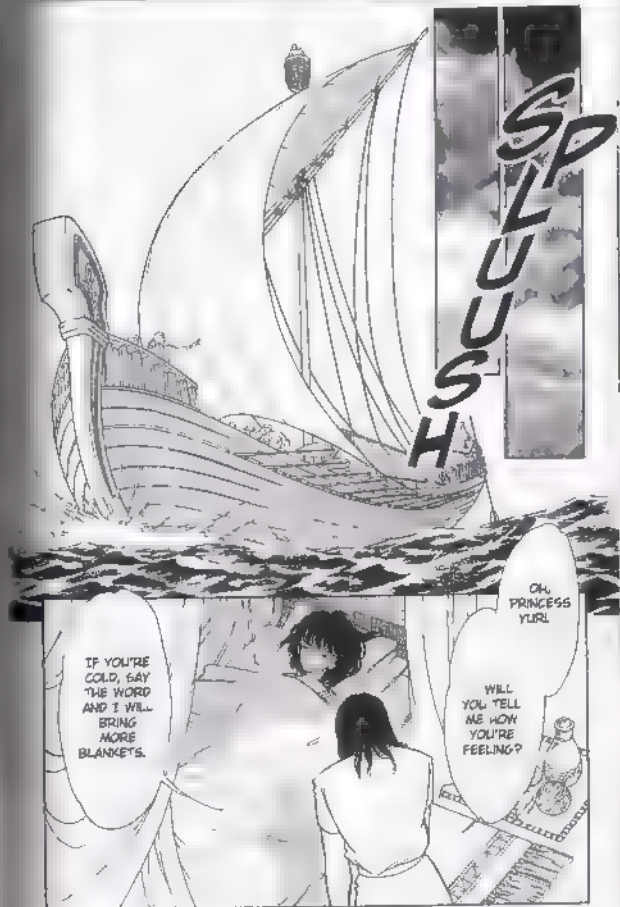
I SWEAR
TO YOU,
PRINCESS
YURI I
WILL DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES TO
RETURN
YOU TO HIS
MAJESTY

I CAN'T
TELL YOU
HOW
SORRY I
AM ABOUT
ALL THIS.

ONCE
YOU'VE
RECOVERED
YOUR
HEALTH,
I'LL

BYBLOS
OR EGYPT.
IT'S ALL THE
SAME TO ME

IT'S
OKAY,
RUSAF.

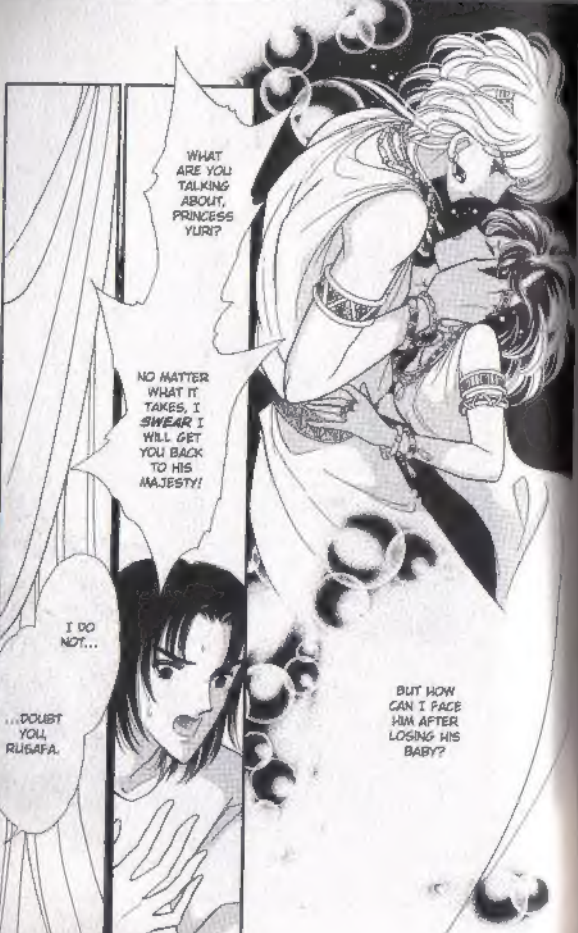


SPLASH

OH,
PRINCESS
YURI

IF YOU'RE
COLD, SAY
THE WORD
AND I WILL
BRING
MORE
BLANKETS.

WILL
YOU TELL
ME HOW
YOU'RE
FEELING?



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT,
PRINCESS
YURI?

NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES, I
SWEAR I
WILL GET
YOU BACK
TO HIS
MAJESTY!

I DO
NOT...

...DOUBT
YOU,
RUGAFA.

BUT HOW
CAN I FACE
HIM AFTER
LOSING HIS
BABY?



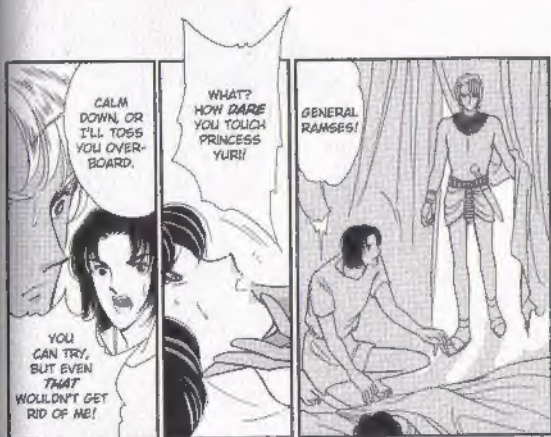
OF
COURSE, I
WANT TO
SEE HIM...

...I NEED TO
SEE HIM, TO
HAVE HIM
HOLD ME.

PRINCESS
YURI!

EVEN
IF I DID
MAKE IT
HOME...

...I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I COULD
SAY TO
KAIL...



...ONE
OF THE
MIGHTIEST
REALMS IN
AFRICA!





...INCITING
THEM TO
DEMAND
THAT
YSH'TAR
SHOW HER
FACE.

THERE
WAS A
PROVOCATEUR...

AND
THAT
IS...?

ACCORDING
TO WITNESS
ACCOUNTS,
THE MAN
WAS...

...BLIND
IN ONE
EYE AND
CLAD IN
A BLACK
CAPE!

WRH!!
ON NAKIA'S
BUSINESS,
NO DOUBT!



I'M
RIGHT
HERE,
KASH.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
INTO WHAT
STIRRED UP
THE CROWD
AND CAUSED
THEM TO
OVERTURN
PRINCESS
YURI'S
PALANQUIN.

WHAT
I'VE
FOUND
OUT IS,
TO SAY
THE
LEAST,
TROU-
BLING!

LIGART...

THE HITTTE ENCAMPMENT...

SIR!

YOUR
MAJESTY!